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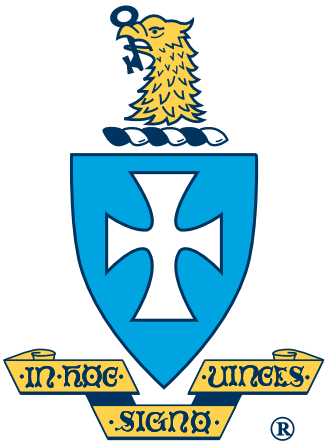

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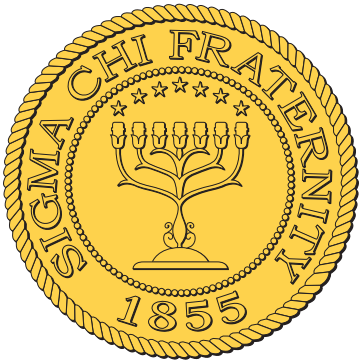

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Thank you!

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

Name .....

Chapter .....

Date Pledged .....

Date Initiated .....

Date Graduated .....

Life Member No. and Date .....

Letter From the Grand Consul

As the International Grand Consul, welcome to Sigma Chi!

I am honored to serve as the 73rd International Grand Consul of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. I look forward to serving the brothers of Sigma Chi and to advancing the interests of the Fraternity during my term. But as you will discover, this brotherhood is not a one-man show, and I cannot do it alone. You and I can work together, as you are the future of Sigma Chi. Together we can build and develop, bringing Sigma Chi to new heights by your participation and leadership. You will find we are not a perfect organization. That is why we want you to help us make it better.

The opportunity you have moving forward mirrors for me the same opportunity I saw when I received my invitation to join Sigma Chi at the Zeta Tau chapter at Fort Hays State University. It was a moment that changed my life as I committed myself to live by those Sigma Chi principles of Friendship, Justice, and Learning. Like you, I was excited to join an organization that I believed aligned with my values because the members I met during recruitment personified them so well. This single decision to join the Sigma Chi Fraternity has impacted my life immeasurably. I say with all sincerity, it has led me to an extraordinary life.

As a result of my decision, I took advantage of the opportunities given to me by Sigma Chi. As an undergraduate, I participated in all those programs the Fraternity offered and held chapter offices, including Consul for my Zeta Tau brothers. The chapter's focus on academics allowed me to excel in my classes and I became a finalist for the International Balfour Award, which is awarded to the top Senior throughout Sigma Chi.

After graduation, I became an active alumnus, holding several advisory positions, including Chapter Advisor and Grand Praetor. I became a developer and facilitator for Mission 365, our character-based recruitment program, which you just experienced. My passion for recruitment stems from the memories I had as a new member. I want to be certain all future Sigma Chis have treasured moments as I did, so they can become Transformational Leaders of Sigma Chi.

Where you stand today as a Sigma Chi pledge, your entire leadership journey lies ahead of you. You are about to enter Foundational Leadership, which features the Preparation for Brotherhood new member program and Ritual for Life, which occurs after Initiation. These two pillars will form the bedrock of a lifetime of learning within Sigma Chi. Upon completion, you will experience the Sigma Chi Initiation and our Ritual, which will deepen your understanding of our values and ideals.

Thank you for choosing Sigma Chi and congratulations for pledging your time and talents to our Fraternity. I am confident you will advance the interests of the Fraternity to new heights. I look forward to working with you in all our endeavors together. Enjoy the journey!

In Hoc Signo Vinces,
Robert Wilson, **FORT HAYS STATE 1981**
73rd Grand Consul

Together we can build and develop, bringing Sigma Chi to new heights by your participation and leadership.

THE TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADER

PROLOGUE

Welcome to the era of the Transformational Leader and the *beginning* of your Sigma Chi journey!

The Sigma Chi International Fraternity is proud to present an unprecedented milestone in our history: *The Transformational Leader* program.

By pledging yourself to Sigma Chi, you're making a lifelong commitment to being a Transformational Leader in your chapter, community and the world. Sigma Chi, in turn, pledges to prepare you for your future as a positive changemaker and innovator in the workplace and beyond by using Sigma Chi's ideals, values and teachings as your guideposts.

Today's collegiate landscape can provide you with key necessities to declare a course of study and plan a path for success. As a Sigma Chi, you should ΣXPECT MORE from your experience on campus and in your chapter. That's where The Transformational Leader will help you elevate your skills and your ability to meet the rising challenges of today's world.

The Transformational Leader program begins with *FOUNDATIONAL Leadership*. As it states, it is the foundation of your lifelong journey as a Sigma Chi.

Let's begin your journey...

In the Sigma Chi Leadership Institute's (SCLI's) *Foundational Leadership* course, you will embark on a path of self-discovery to build the foundation to become a leader and gain leadership skills that will serve you both personally and professionally. You will gain an understanding that the growth and development of an organization's vision, mission, and values are integral in establishing foundational leadership qualities. Upon completion of this course, you will be able to demonstrate essential life skills that lead to personal fulfillment and success and recognize distinct leadership possibilities and positions in order to ensure talent alignment within organizations.

OBJECTIVE

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- *Articulate a clear understanding of the definition and framework of Foundational Leadership*
- *Explore the impact of organizational vision, mission, and values on personal development*
- *Analyze the integration of symbolism in storytelling and personal narrative*
- *Identify the distinct leadership positions within an organizational culture*
- *Integrate Essential Life Skills that will lead to personal and professional success*

SPECIFIC SKILLS GAINED

- *Self-Management*
- *Establishing Values and Vision*
- *Organizational Goal Setting*
- *Strategies for Growth*

A foundational leader moves from the theoretical to the practical by analyzing the importance of symbolism within their personal and professional lives.

CURRENT COURSES

PREPARATION FOR BROTHERHOOD

SIGMA CHI Ritual *for* Life

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Sigma Chi

CHAPTER 1

Welcome & *Introduction*

Chapter 1

Welcome to Our Brotherhood

In 1855, seven young men, our seven Founders...

Benjamin Piatt Runkle,
Thomas Cowan Bell,
William Lewis Lockwood,
Isaac M. Jordan,
Daniel William Cooper,
Franklin Howard Scobey,
James Parks Caldwell

...wanted something better in a fraternity during their collegiate experience, and from that recognition, a dream was born — the fraternity of Sigma Chi. In short, Sigma Chi began because good men chose to act. Our seven Founders recognized that a principle-driven lifestyle should be paramount in an individual's lifelong quest to achieve progressive development, and that the world in which they lived had a great need for ethical leaders whose core principles were based on the possession of remarkable character.

Within the pages of this *Norman Shield*, you will learn of the challenges and trials these young men faced when they decided that their dream of a principle-driven brotherhood was worth pursuing. You will also learn of the legacy that has been left for you as a result of their efforts, and the efforts of the men who have followed them.

Sigma Chi's story has been building on itself since 1855 and, indeed, the Fraternity has changed dramatically since that time. When those seven college students gathered together for the first time, there were no telephones, no automobiles, no planes, no Internet, not even electricity — essentially, their lives were devoid of any of the modern amenities we are used to. Yet, somehow, they prospered. Without iPhones, the Internet, rapid transit, or even the possibility of an immediate connection outside of the small town of Oxford, Ohio, and their roughly 300 fellow students, they somehow knew that they had planted the seed for something amazing to grow. Through it all, they found in themselves and each other an uncommon strength of character to pursue a dream and to pass that dream on to other young men who would carry it forward. Their dream was simple — to enhance and transform the leadership abilities of men by refining their character through the framework of Friendship, Justice and Learning — our three guiding principles.

ABOUT THIS CHAPTER:

As you prepare for membership in Sigma Chi, you undoubtedly have many questions that were not answered before you accepted your bid. This chapter of *The Norman Shield* aims to:

- Provide you with the answers to some of those questions; and
- Outline the learning tools and support you can expect to receive as you begin your Sigma Chi journey.

The world we live in today is different than the world that our seven Founders knew. Today, we can connect with anyone in the world with a push of a button. Tragedy and drama play out in our living rooms every night through our mobile devices and television screens. We share our successes and joys instantly through status updates, tweets and Instagram. In this interconnected world that we live in, the question "Why Sigma Chi?" becomes difficult for young men to answer. Yet the answer is that Sigma Chi is needed today more than ever before.

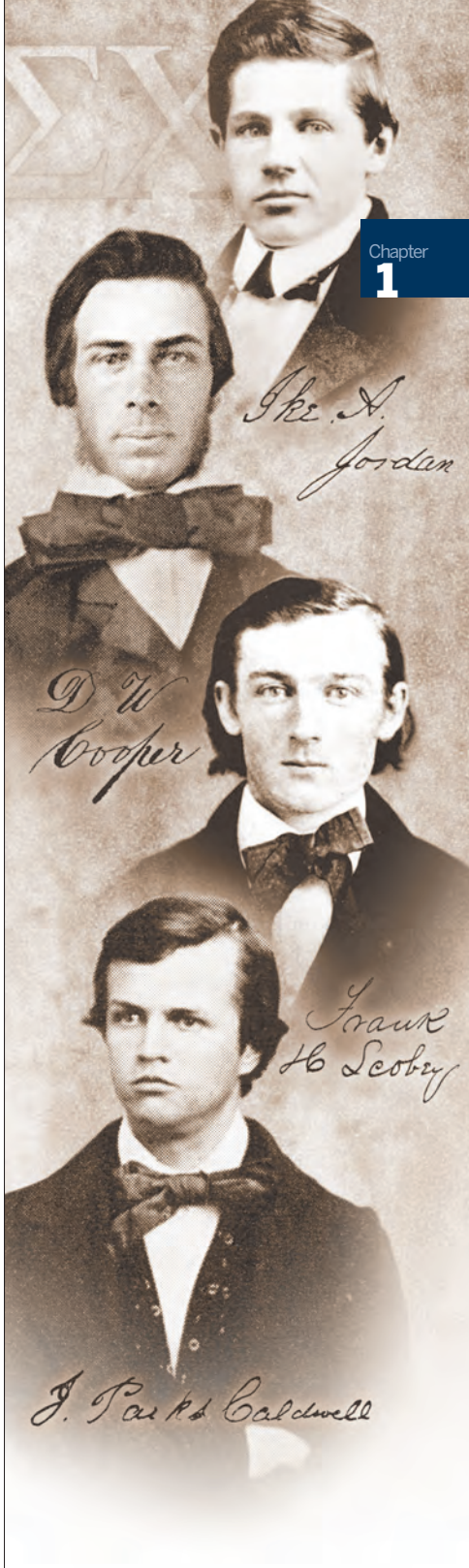
Seven young men set the foundation for a lifelong course of development that has since provided more than 364,000 men with the structure to understand how to make a positive influence on the world. The ranks of Sigma Chis now include titans of industry, celebrities, political leaders, husbands, fathers, brothers and many more. Each member brings so many different characteristics to the world, yet we all bring the same endowment of character that our world today so badly needs. Imagine if greed and corruption were the flavors of our leaders, instead of integrity. Principle-driven leaders are needed now more than ever before, and the fact that Sigma Chi makes a concerted effort to contribute to the development of such men is what makes the Fraternity so important today.

The fact that Sigma Chi makes a concerted effort to contribute to the development of principle-driven leaders is what makes our Fraternity so important today.

You have been identified as a good man who shares our passion. Accepting your bid to join Sigma Chi is the start of a lifelong journey. The oath you took is a promise you made to the countless generations of men who have come before you, to those who will follow you, and, most importantly, to yourself. You have chosen to live your life in a principle-driven manner.

Throughout your Sigma Chi journey, you will come to understand how the pursuit of ideals helps to shape your everyday habits. Through it all, remember this: The world only gets better if good men choose to act.

We welcome you!



Lifelong Learning

To be a Sigma Chi is to embrace a process of lifelong learning and a lifelong commitment to a set of ideals. The first step in your educational process is our Preparation for Brotherhood program.

The learning process, called Preparation for Brotherhood, consists of instructional tools, shared experiences and a cultivation of friendships of a higher order — all working toward enlisting worthy men in a meaningful commitment of a lifelong duration. Learning the history, operational workings and support programs of the Fraternity is an important aspect of pledgeship. Pledges are asked not to merely consume facts, but to thoughtfully consider the relevance of these facts and to apply them to their own lives. It also provides you with time to determine if Sigma Chi is the right organization for you.

There are five courses in the Preparation for Brotherhood program. You have already completed the Commencement Course which introduces you to pledgeship. Courses 1 through 4 highlight our Founders and the values for which they are most admired. The final days of your pledgeship is called the Ritual Bridge. It is designed to fully prepare you for your formal initiation into our brotherhood.

To assist you during the Preparation for Brotherhood program, we have placed our confidence in your chapter Magister who will be your guide through the program. We have also provided you with a personal mentor or Big Brother who will be there to assist you in understanding fraternal life. Finally, your entire chapter membership will support and encourage your Sigma Chi education.

Successful completion of the Preparation for Brotherhood program lays the foundation for a person's initiation into our brotherhood. Participating in the initiation ceremony, however, does not by itself make a man a Sigma Chi. The difference is that although one may be a member of a fraternal organization named Sigma Chi and profess a belief in the organization's ideals, to be a true Sigma Chi the member must **live his life according to those ideals.** Immediately following initiation, new brothers will participate in a program called Ritual for Life (R4L) designed to deepen their understanding of our Ritual and the principles that guide our organization and our lives as Sigma Chis.

Throughout your undergraduate years, you will have many additional opportunities to advance your personal skills and to be reminded of our commitment to living a life of principle. Sigma Chi sponsors a continuum of leadership development programs, and each brother is encouraged to pursue the educational opportunities provided to him by the Fraternity. You will be introduced to more specifics about this learning continuum later in the Preparation for Brotherhood program.

Objectives of Pledgeship

Sigma Chi, like many organizations, employs a preliminary period for prospective members before their initiation into full membership. This period, called "pledgeship," serves to educate the potential brother about what Sigma Chi believes and stands for before he joins. The objectives of Sigma Chi can be achieved only when members have a thorough understanding of the extent and depth of their obligations as brothers. Therefore, pledgeship extends for an adequate period to allow potential brothers an opportunity to fully grasp those important elements. The specific time span is no more than five weeks and may be shorter subject to relevant institutional policies.

The pledge period provides a time for the newest associates of the chapter to become integrated members of the organization prior to their initiation into the Fraternity. You have ***pledged*** yourself to the pursuit of learning about our Fraternity and what it stands for, and to act according to our principles and ideals. The active members also ***pledge*** themselves to assist you in understanding the meaning and purpose of the Fraternity and to reaffirm their own lifelong commitment to our brotherhood.

Finally, while the overriding purpose of pledgeship is to prepare men for Initiation in Sigma Chi, there are other important objectives that coincide with the aims of higher education, including success in academic endeavors, development of leadership skills, social responsibility and service to the community.

Members of Sigma Chi are required to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Fraternity and its members while always striving to attain the ideals of Sigma Chi throughout their life.

Obligations of Pledgeship

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

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

The Epitome of Pledgeship

Pledgeship is at its best when the following elements are at the forefront of the pledging experience:

FRATERNITY INTERESTS

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

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The health of a chapter depends heavily on the financial responsibility of its officers, members and pledges. Chapter bills are to be paid when due. Each pledge is responsible for a $100 pledge fee to be paid at the beginning of pledgeship, a $200 initiation fee to be paid at the time of his initiation and a $100 payment to be paid each of the first two semesters following his initiation. Therefore, the total financial obligation to the International Fraternity for an undergraduate's first year is $500. Each pledge is also responsible for any local dues that the chapter communicates.

"When you recruit your ranks, be certain to choose congenial, high-minded talented fellows. Though you may be strong now, take all you can get who have the ring of true metal."

— Founder William Lewis Lockwood to Lambda Chapter at the time of the close of Alpha Chapter, Sept. 13, 1858

ATTITUDE OF MIND

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

PERSONAL CONDUCT

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

SCHOLARSHIP

Applying oneself to scholarship is a college man's first duty. He goes to college to get an education. A true Sigma Chi chapter provides an atmosphere where scholastic achievement is supported and expected by all brothers.

Therefore, Sigma Chi places standards that every brother and potential brother must reach in order to be considered a member in good standing with the General Fraternity.

In order to be eligible for both pledging and initiation, our potential members must achieve a 2.5 grade-point-average on a 4.0 scale, and, our undergraduate chapters must achieve an overall 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale or be above the institution's all-men's average to be in good standing with the Fraternity.

Additional scholarship requirements can be found on sigmachi.org.

"About a week ago we expelled a member. He was a boy possessed of more than ordinary genius, but he perverted his talent, and sought his company in whiskey shops, and delighted in the caress of depraved women. He forgot what was due to the Sigma Chi, and the Sigma brothers considered him no longer worthy of membership. Better a few of those pure and strong hearted, than a host of degraded and sensual men... we are determined to take none who are not talented gentlemen. Though few in numbers, we are very strong in spirit."

— William Lewis Lockwood to Gamma Chapter, Nov. 1857

"The capacity to learn is a **gift**; The ability to learn is a **skill**; the willingness to learn is a **choice**."

— Brian Hebert, Author

Sigma Chi Online
Presented by the Bill George Family Foundation

Our Learning Philosophy and the Tools We Provide

Everyone learns differently. We know that each of our members has a preferred style of learning. That is why all of our educational programming is designed using a blended instructional approach. This means that we use a variety of instructional techniques and tools to accommodate the needs of the many learning preferences of our members. As an example, the Preparation for Brotherhood program includes:

- An online learning platform called Sigma Chi Online;
- *The Norman Shield* as a reference guide;
- Weekly group discussion sessions guided by the chapter's Magister;
- A Big Brother program that provides peer coaching;
- A wide range of experiential activities; and
- A personal journal to encourage application and reflection.

Sigma Chi Online

Sigma Chi Online is the Fraternity's learning management system. It is comprised of a full menu of online learning content that is available to undergraduate and alumni members on an "as-needed" basis. Online content includes:

- Information about the relevant issues found on college campuses today such as alcohol and drug abuse, mental health awareness, and sexual misconduct;
- Values-based leadership skills;
- Operational skills for chapter officers; and
- Content designed to help you understand every aspect of our Sigma Chi ideals, history and traditions.

The Norman Shield

The Norman Shield has been in existence in many forms since 1929. (See the history at right.) For more than 90 years, it has provided a written record of the history, traditions and lofty ideals of our organization. It was reorganized and refreshed in recent years to support and complement the Preparation for Brotherhood and Ritual For Life programs.

It is designed to follow the 5-week organization, or less at some chapters, of the Preparation for Brotherhood program.

Each chapter ends with a section with the heading **Application—Journal**. Real learning only occurs when we reflect on and apply the new knowledge we have gained. In this space, we provide:

- Suggestions about how to apply what you have learned and the Sigma Chi ideals to your life,
- Guidelines for a process we call ConnΣXtions designed to promote meaningful conversations with members of your chapter, and finally,
- Space to reflect and journal your thoughts about your learning journey.

Please note: Your *Norman Shield* and all of its contents are your property. Use it to take notes or journal your thoughts. You should never feel pressured by anyone to share the contents of these pages with others unless you choose to do so. These pages are for your eyes only.

A History of *The Norman Shield*

The Sigma Chi Fraternity took a historic step in how its history was relayed to prospective members in 1929. It was apparent that measures needed to be taken to preserve the tradition and lofty ideals upon which the Fraternity was founded. The Fraternity had been in existence for 74 years and was growing at an unprecedented rate. The Sigma Chi directory published that year showed a total of 27,229 initiates, an increase of 7,238 since the directory of 1922 was issued. The production of an official manual that could be used to standardize pledge training was authorized at the 1925 Estes Park Grand Chapter by 24th Grand Consul Herbert C. Arms, **ILLINOIS 1895**. The Sigma Chi Pledge Manual — a 103-page compendium of history, information, procedures, etiquette and anecdotes — became available four years later, on Oct. 14, 1929.

It was largely based on a slim booklet entitled "Freshman Manual of the Beta Mu Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity," prepared by Significant Sig Arthur Vos Jr., **COLORADO 1930**, on the authority of then-Consul of the Beta Mu chapter, Harold T. King, **COLORADO 1929**. In addition to describing the government, publications, history and funds of the Fraternity, Vos included biographies of the Founders, a description of the insignia, Sigma Chi songs, a chapter roll, the Greek alphabet and even a section entitled "Timely Suggestions to Freshmen. It was impressive enough to inspire an invitation from the General Fraternity to help compile the official manual for Fraternity-wide usage.

A note in the November 1943 issue of the Sigma Chi Bulletin is the only official announcement of a very significant change in the manual's format. It reads, "Sigma Chi's famed Pledge Manual is now known as *The Norman Shield*." Presumably the name was chosen in deference to the pledge button, which is described, like the Coat of Arms, as "... a Norman Shield of blue bearing a white Sigma Chi cross."

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No history of *The Norman Shield* would be complete without a reference to the illustrations provided by two of Sigma Chi's illustrious members, Significant Sig John T. McCutcheon, **PURDUE 1889**, and Order of Constantine Sig and Significant Sig Milton Caniff, **OHIO STATE 1930**. The 1930 (second) edition featured McCutcheon's Why Do So Many Rich Boys Fail in College? Many of his editorial cartoons, including his famous Indian Summer and his other cartoon tributes to fraternity life, were published in nearly all subsequent editions.

(The Norman Shield History continued on next page.)

The Norman Shield had expanded to more than 300 pages by 1969. To keep pledges from feeling overwhelmed, *The Norman Shield* was cut to an 80-page paperback handbook in 1971. The following 27th edition returned to the hard-cover format and restored text to the count of 192 pages. In subsequent years, editing and creative space manipulation allowed for increased information to be included with a slight reduction in page count.

Beginning with the 49th edition, *The Norman Shield* was updated and reorganized to support the Preparation for Brotherhood program and your lifelong learning experience with Sigma Chi.

Other Sigma Chi Publications and Tools to Support Your Learning

The Magazine of Sigma Chi

The Magazine of Sigma Chi is published four times a year and contains news and features that recognize, inform, educate and entertain the Fraternity's members. Published continuously since 1881, it also serves as a report and record of the Fraternity's activities and programs to university and other fraternity officials, families of members, potential recruits and the general public. Total circulation of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* is more than 60,000.

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

Each undergraduate member receives a digital copy of each issue of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, sent to his preferred email address, while he is in school. Each active chapter receives several paper copies at the chapter address. Recent graduates receive a complimentary one-year digital subscription to The Magazine, which includes four issues. Following that year, an alumnus may join the Life Loyal Sig program to continue receiving The Magazine and other benefits. Visit sigmachi.org/lifeloyal to learn more or join the program today.

The Sigma Chi Bulletin

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

Historical Records

There are several historical publications and resources available from the Fraternity. *One in Heart and Purpose: The Founders and the Founding of the Sigma Chi Fraternity*, is a volume comprised of biographical information about the seven Founders, based on the original manuscripts of 9th Grand

Consul and 13th Grand Historian Joseph C. Nate, **ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1890**, and compiled and edited by 21st Grand Historian Dr. William P. Fleming Jr., **SAM HOUSTON 1965**. Over the years, the Fraternity published several historical volumes, most notably *The History of Sigma Chi 1855–1895*, which was authored by Nate. He also authored manuscripts of the Fraternity's history up to 1915, but he passed away before they could be published. Grand Historian Mike Codina, **CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO 1993**, however, is currently working on completing the Nate History volumes. Following Nate's volume of the Fraternity's history was *The History of Sigma Chi 1955–1980*, by 62nd Grand Consul and 19th Grand Historian Douglas R. Carlson, **MINNESOTA 1973**.

There is also a book called *The Centennial History of the Sigma Chi Fraternity 1855–1955*, by 17th Grand Historian Robert M. Collett, **DENISON 1914**, who wrote a fact-filled short-form version of the Fraternity's history from that time period. It is the only published Sigma Chi history book that covers the years 1896–1954.

In 2018, 65th Grand Consul Robert H.W. Jones, **RENSSELAER 1973**, compiled *A Condensed History of the Sigma Chi Fraternity: 1855 to 2018*. This record provides a full Sigma Chi history that can be consumed in a few sittings contrary to the robust volumes preceding it. The newest version of the history can be ordered by contacting Sigma Chi Headquarters at headquarters@sigmachi.org.

The Fraternity's other publications include: a membership directory; historical volumes; a Sigma Chi songs volume titled *Come Brothers Sing*; *The Norman Shield*; character-based recruitment brochures; and the *Monuments & Memorials of Sigma Chi* booklet. The *Standard Operating Procedures* manual can now be found at https://sigmachi.org/home/resources-3/policies/.

Sigma Chi Historical Initiative

In 2005, under the direction of 20th Grand Historian Eric Hansen, **CINCINNATI 1989**, members of the Archives Committee and Historical Commission met to formulate a plan to preserve, catalogue and, where appropriate, digitize the wealth of documents and artifacts stored at the International Headquarters that trace the history of the Sigma Chi Fraternity — this was the genesis of the Sigma Chi Historical Initiative.

Work continues today under the direction of the 22nd Grand Historian Michael Codina, **CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO 1993**. To date, the Historical Initiative has catalogued and preserved nearly 20,000 artifacts and has digitized hundreds of documents, thousands of photographs, and the entire 20th century editions of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*.

In addition to preservation and digitization, the Historical Initiative has developed a website at sigmachi.org/history that provides answers to frequently asked questions concerning Sigma Chi's history. In summer 2011, the ΣX Codex Digital Library Portal went online. Using ΣX Codex, the Fraternity's members can search for and read articles from back issue archives of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, view items from the archives' manuscript and photograph collections, and, eventually, view artifacts in the museum at the International Headquarters. The Historical Initiative also provides a single point of contact for all of Sigma Chi's history-related programs. For more information, go to sigmachi.org/history.

The 1935 Sigma Chi Directory

People waiting to board the Sigma Chi Special (a chartered train) on the way to the 41st Grand Chapter meeting held in New Orleans in 1933.

Online Media

Since Sigma Chi is an international fraternity, it is important that it reach its members worldwide. Along with the Fraternity's primary websites that are used for Fraternity resources and news, Sigma Chi has expanded even further via social networking. The Sigma Chi experience is now also available via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

SigmaChi.org

Sigma Chi's main website, sigmachi.org, is home for pertinent resources and updates from around the Fraternity. There is also information regarding the Sigma Chi Foundation and Sigma Chi Leadership Institute as well as links to purchase Sigma Chi merchandise.

SigmaChi.org/history

This is the official website of The Sigma Chi Historical Initiative, which contains everything a member needs to know about the history of the Fraternity, including access to the Sigma Chi Codex system, which allows visitors access to the Fraternity archives.

Sigma Chi App

In 2016, the Fraternity launched the Sigma Chi mobile app for Apple iPhone and Android devices, which allows users the ability to:

- View and update their member profile information;
- Access event calendars, registration and resources;
- Connect and message other members;
- Receive news, alerts and notifications about Fraternity business;
- Easily look up member details through the directory to get in contact with other brothers;
- Search for members, chapters and colonies near you or in a particular area;
- Shop for official Sigma Chi merchandise; and
- Donate to the Sigma Chi Foundation.

Download the Sigma Chi app now at sigmachi.org/app.

Suggestions, comments or concerns regarding the Sigma Chi mobile app can be sent to app@sigmachi.org.

Facebook.com/SigmaChi

Interact with brothers across the nation through the Fraternity's official Facebook page. It also includes current news on brothers, along with conversations that could be published in *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*'s "Online Socializing" section.

Twitter/Instagram

Tweet or Instagram with brothers and catch up with current events via the Fraternity's Twitter feed and Instagram feeds, @sigmachi.

Other Online Resources

Sigma Chi Reach Out

The Sigma Chi Reach Out app provides mental health information specific to each campus: Crisis hotlines, campus counseling services, medical facilities, school policies and guidelines. It is free and easily accessible phone/mobile app for iPhone and Android. This app also provides one-click access to multiple crisis hotlines, crisis text chat lines and crisis lines serving numerous languages. It also includes local resources beyond campus-based resources: local crisis centers, local emergency medical resources, community help centers, other resources that are available 24 hours a day in each campus community.

RMFeducation.org

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

Stophazing.org

This website is dedicated to the prevention of hazing and is filled with resources to help combat the dangers of hazing before they occur.

North-American Interfraternity Conference

The NIC has been serving the men's college fraternity community in Canada and the United States since 1909. Through 73 member fraternities, it represents approximately 4.5 million alumni and 350,000 college students on more than 800 college campuses.

Chapters can find more information about the leadership programs offered by the NIC at their website, nicfraternity.org.

Chapter 1

Introduction To Application Suggestions — Journaling

At the end of each chapter of your *Norman Shield*, you will find a section with the heading **Application Suggestions—Journal**.

The introductory page of these sections will provide you with suggested application activities and reflection questions. These are designed to provide ways in which you can apply our ideals and learn from others. You will also find blank journaling space to record your thoughts and reactions about what you are learning about yourself and Sigma Chi.

Many great leaders, pioneers and honorable men throughout history, such as Leonardo Da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Neil Armstrong, and our Founders, used journaling to stimulate their growth as leaders.

Journaling provides a daily opportunity to discover who you are, understand what you really think/feel/believe in, and understand why you do what you do. The simple act of writing a few words, sentences, or paragraphs every day can have a profound and instant effect on your life for the better.

Journaling will:

- Help you focus
- Bring you clarity
- Allow you to weigh pros and cons
- Help you work through your struggles
- Provide a safe place to face your fears and deal with them head-on
- Build accountability
- Help you track your progress
- Help you document your first steps into the brotherhood of Sigma Chi

Some tips about journaling...

WRITE IT DOWN. Journaling is a simple process, but it can pay great dividends. When we sit down behind a blank sheet of paper and begin to reflect on our actions and thoughts, we are forced to answer the difficult questions of why, how, or why not? The answers to these questions provide insights into how to repeat our successes, but also how to avoid recurring mistakes.

Writing on paper activates a different part of our brain than typing does. We are forced to think on a deeper level. Before you argue that you can type faster on the computer, journaling is not about speed, efficiency, or volume. It's about dedicating a few minutes each day to honor yourself, your thoughts and your feelings. Writing by hand helps you get in touch with all of these things better than a keyboard.

"Learn to get in touch with the silence within yourself, and know that everything in life has purpose. There are no mistakes, no coincidences, all events are blessings given to us to learn from."

— Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, Author (1926–2004)

CARE MORE ABOUT SUBSTANCE AND LESS ABOUT STYLE. Write for yourself, not for others. Don't worry about spelling and grammar if these things tend to bog you down. Your goal is not to get an "A." Your goal is to articulate progress, discover insights. Remember that the only right way to journal is your way. The power and beauty of journaling lies in the process, not the product.

TRY TO JOURNAL EVERY DAY. The beauty of frequent journaling is that it helps you recognize patterns in your life, and helps you gain perspective and control over your environment.

Pick a time each day when you can dedicate 10 to 15 minutes to journaling. You might use the spare moments before you go to class, or right before bedtime.

A JOURNAL PROVIDES ACCOUNTABILITY. As you record your journey, you will find accountability ... you can see how far you've come and how much you have left to accomplish. Daily journaling helps you chip away at all the pieces of yourself that don't serve you. And, even better, it helps you become who you want to be.

CULTIVATE AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE. Maintain a daily list of things you appreciate, including uplifting quotes or inspiring ConnΣXtion conversations. Maintain a log of your successes. Begin by writing about the daily successes you remember. Then, jot down small successes that occur during the week. As you pay attention, your list will grow and inspire you.

KEEP A SPIRIT OF PLAY. Remember that journaling should be enjoyable. If you take the task too seriously or put too much pressure on yourself, journaling will become a burden instead of a gift. Infuse your journal with humor. Add art, creativity or color.

In years to come, you can look back on your reflections about the days in which you developed friendships for a lifetime.

The Dash

— Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates
on his tombstone
from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came
his date of birth
and spoke the following date
with tears,

But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
That he spent alive on earth.

And now only those who loved him
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own;
The cars, the house, the cash,

What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?

For you never know
how much time is left,
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real

And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
And show appreciation more

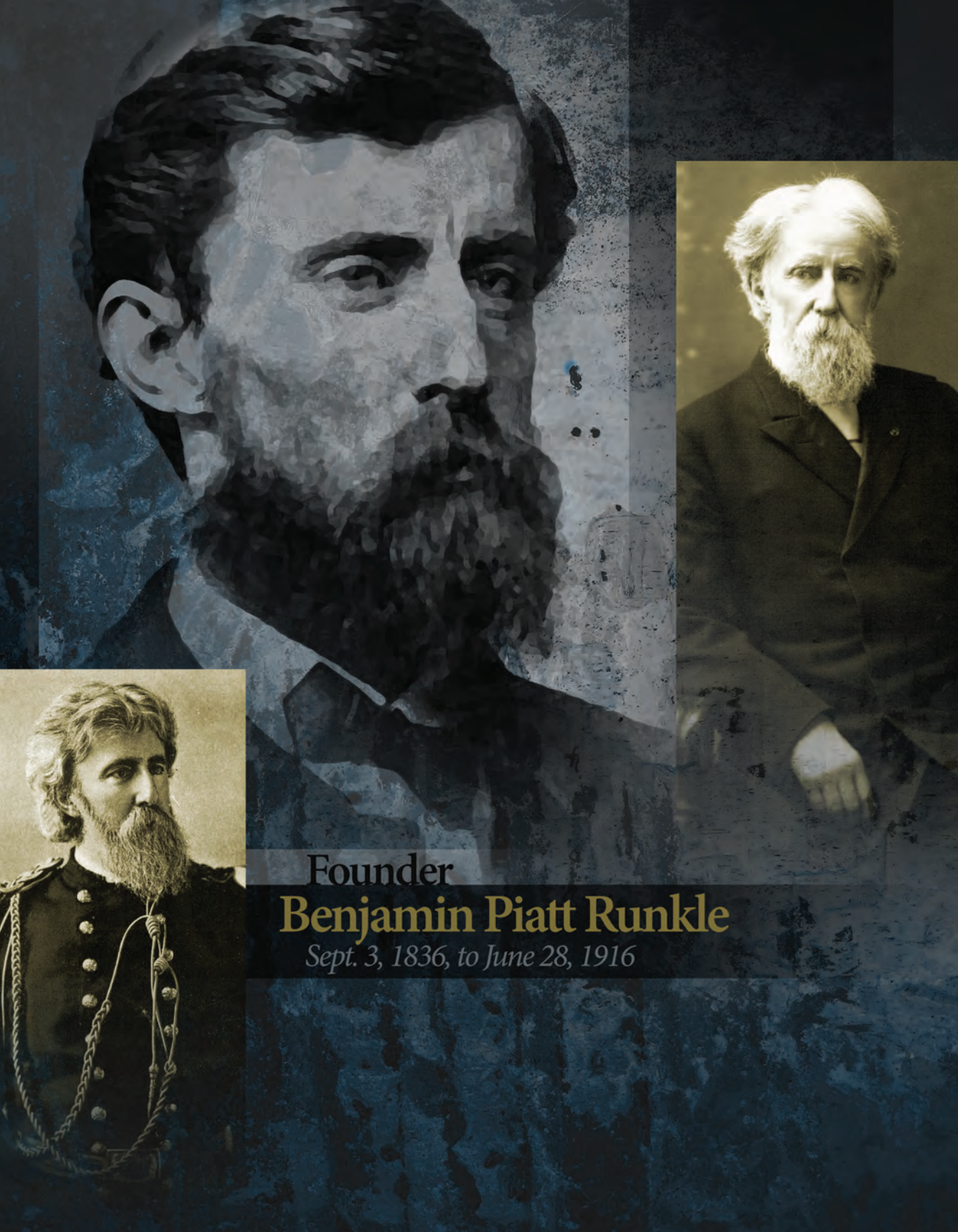
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile

Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash

Would you be proud
of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?



Founder

Benjamin Piatt Runkle

Sept. 3, 1836, to June 28, 1916

COURAGE

Benjamin Piatt Runkle **CHAPTER 2**

Runkle & *Courage*

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ABOUT THIS CHAPTER:

This chapter is designed to:

- Discuss the life and legacy of Founder Runkle,
- Define the meaning of ***Courage***, and describe how Founder Runkle applied Courage to his life,
- Explain the events that lead to the founding of Sigma Chi,
- Discuss the significance of Constantine to Sigma Chi,
- Understand Sigma Chi's Fundamental Purpose — Friendship, Justice, Learning,
- Review the tenants of *The Jordan Standard*, explain its purpose, by whom and why it was developed,
- Describe the program we call the Jordan Initiative, as well as our Zero-Tolerance policy regarding hazing and bystander intervention,
- Provide suggestions about applying the principle of courage to ***your life*** and journaling space to document your insights and learning.

You will find more information about all of the above topic areas on ***Sigma Chi Online, Preparation for Brotherhood, Course 1***.

Introduction

Courage

We selected you to join our brotherhood, because we believe you share Sigma Chi's commitment to living a life of character and integrity. A commitment to living a values-based life requires courage...one of our seven core values. These seven values are the non-negotiable principles that define our organization.

Defining Courage

Being willing to stand up for what you believe in, accepting the consequences of difficult choices and decisions.

Values are only noble words, however, until they are proven on the battlefield of life. Core values must translate into behaviors that others can see and observe. Your life — your actions — will prove that something is of worth to you just as it did in the lives of our seven Founders.

We use their example as inspiration and commit ourselves to living our values "out loud" each and every day...just as they did.

We attribute courage with Founder Runkle's name. At the 1895 Grand Chapter, Brother Runkle said, "By courage I do not mean the savage animal instinct that makes a man insensible to danger — a bulldog has that — but I mean that strong conviction, which keeps ever before the mind the true aim of life, and unswerving loyalty to that conviction." He goes on further by saying, "...A man is not strong because of what he knows, or thinks, or says, or does, but because of what he is..."

Benjamin Piatt Runkle

Founder Benjamin Piatt Runkle, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, was born in West Liberty, Ohio. He was 18 years old at the time of the founding of Sigma Chi. It was Runkle who pulled off his Delta Kappa Epsilon badge and threw it on the table in the all-important dinner meeting in February 1855, putting into forceful words the thoughts of Founders Bell, Caldwell, Cooper, Jordan and Scobey. Runkle was known throughout his life for his COURAGE and fearlessness, matched perhaps only by his idealism. It was this quality of spirit that he instilled in Sigma Chi throughout his life.

Runkle joined with Lockwood in designing the White Cross. They were determined to come up with something different from the shield and diamond type of the time. In later years, Runkle explained that, "Its selection grew from an admiration of its meaning." He was inspired with the story of the Emperor Constantine and his vision on the night before the battle for Rome. He believed Constantine was a heroic character, and he convinced the other Founders to pattern Sigma Chi symbolism after the vision of Constantine. (See more about Constantine on page 26 of this section.)

Runkle's courage and idealism during his Miami University days also once led to his temporary suspension from the university for fighting in chapel with a Beta Theta Pi member who had publicly sneered at his badge.

He had the most noteworthy military career of any of the Founders. At the outbreak of the Civil War he volunteered with a militia company and was appointed to the rank of colonel by the end of the war. On November 1865, he was promoted to the rank of major general.

Runkle was seriously wounded in the battle of Shiloh and left for dead on the battlefield, leading his former DKE rival Whitelaw Reid to pen a glowing tribute to Runkle in a dispatch to his newspaper. The reports of Runkle's death turned out to be erroneous, and Runkle actually outlived Reid.

Like many other military men, Runkle was never entirely comfortable in civilian life and would have preferred to stay in the service for the rest of his life. He did serve for some time after the war, but was retired because of "wounds received in the line of duty." After his military career, he was ordained as an Episcopal priest. He was the only one of the Founders to become Grand Consul, serving as the 7th Grand Consul from 1895 to 1897.

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

Founder Facts
Benjamin Piatt Runkle

Sept. 3, 1836, to June 28, 1916

ACADEMICS

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

PROFESSIONAL

Attorney, 1859 to 1861 • professor of military science and tactics, Miami 1899 to 1901; University of Maine, 1902 to 1903; Peekskill Military Academy, 1903 to 1904

MILITARY

Captain, Major and Lieutenant Colonel, 13th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, U.S. Army • Colonel, 45th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, U.S. Army; Major General

FRATERNITY

Delegate to first and 22nd Grand Chapters • Orator for 22nd Grand Chapter • Grand Consul, 1895 to 1897

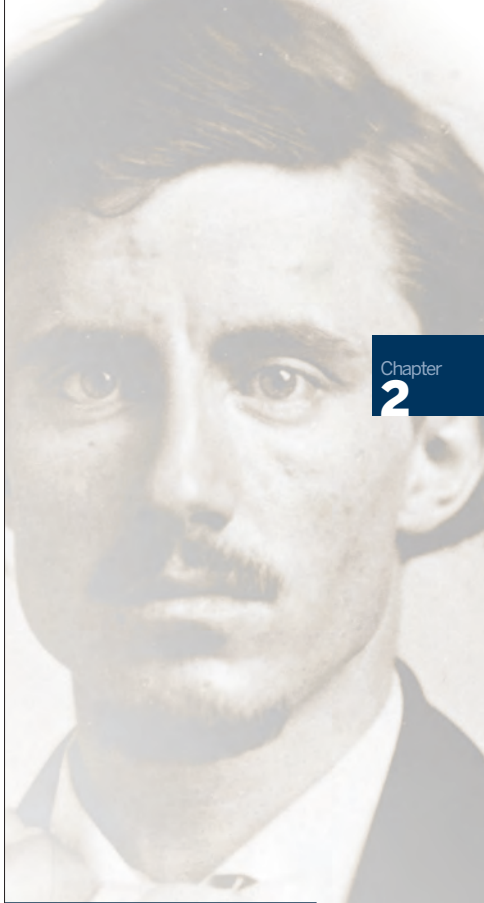
OTHER

Episcopal priest

MEMORIAL

Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

For more information about Benjamin Piatt Runkle, please visit the Sigma Chi Historical Initiative's website at sigmachi.org/history.



Chapter 2

Runkle was known throughout his life for his courage and fearlessness, matched perhaps only by his idealism.

Chapter 2

In the Beginning: The Evolution of Fraternity

Sigma Chi, and the Greek-letter system, have a long, colorful history. Knowledge of this history will help you gain greater understanding and appreciation for our Fraternity.

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

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

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

Three societies are credited with establishing the college fraternity as we know it today. Kappa Alpha Society is the oldest brotherhood of a social and literary character that has had a continuous existence in American colleges. Founded at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., on Nov. 26, 1825, it is recognized as the forerunner of the present system of American college fraternities. It had chartered 15 chapters. Sigma Phi, founded at the same institution in the spring of 1827, and the second oldest fraternity, was the first to establish a branch chapter at another college. It, too, has severely restricted expansion, having granted but 15 charters in its history. Delta Phi, established in 1827, has chartered 24 chapters.

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

Serious-minded men founded fraternities that set up lifelong ideals for themselves and their successors.

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

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

Delta Kappa Epsilon was founded at Yale University in 1844 by 15 members of the class of 1846. All expected to become members of one of the existing junior societies of Phi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi, but when some of them were not invited to join, they decided they would found a new society. The 13th chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon was established at Miami (Ohio) in 1852. An 1855 schism in this young chapter led to the Founding of Sigma Chi on June 28 of the same year.

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

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

THE GREEK ALPHABET

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

Α	ALPHA
Β	BETA
Γ	GAMMA
Δ	DELTA
Ε	EPSILON
Ζ	ZETA
Η	ETA
Θ	THETA
Ι	IOTA
Κ	KAPPA
Λ	LAMBDA
Μ	MU
Ν	NU
Ξ	XI
Ο	OMICRON
Π	PI
Ρ	RHO
Σ	SIGMA
Τ	TAU
Υ	UPSILON
Φ	PHI
Χ	CHI
Ψ	PSI
Ω	OMEGA

The Founding of Sigma Chi

The cause of justice became a central idea in the formation of what would become the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

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

This perceived lack of allegiance caused a deep rift among the Dekes. Half of the members, including the nominated member, felt he deserved their votes out of loyalty. The other half felt the election should be based on merit. Of those dissenting, four were members of the Erodelphian society and two were members of another society but morally supported their cause and admired these dissenters for their courage of conviction.

> ***From "Memories of Miami" by Benjamin Piatt Runkle,***
> "...we went to the secret conclaves of our chapter, committed the constitution and by-laws to memory, but learned little about the real spirit and aims of the fraternity (DKE). By and by came on the election of the orator and poet for the Junior exhibition positions, as I have said hereinbefore, highly prized. Omar Newman, a member of our chapter, was one of the candidates for poet. James P. Caldwell, Franklin Scobey (both of whom had been initiated in to the Delta Kappa Epsilon about the same time that I was initiated), Jordan and I voted for the rival candidate and Newman was thereby defeated. Now, we had not the least idea that we were under any obligations to vote for Newman. No fraternity spirit had been developed in our minds. We simply exercised what we considered our right of choice and were not conscious of giving offense to our fraternity brother or anyone else. We remained in this state of ignorance for some time, I do not remember how long. Mr. Reid was deeply offended, but he did not show his feeling to any of the new members of the chapter. In addition to the four mentioned hereinbefore, D. W. Cooper and Thomas C. Bell (members of the Eddrittean Society) had been initiated. Ignorant of the conditions and without knowledge of the feeling rife among the other members, and with the kindest intention, the new brothers determined to give a dinner in their honor. The feelings on both sides of the argument were so strong that friendships grew apart and the chapter's meetings and activities were strained and were increasingly rancorous. Wishing to find compromise and reconciliation after months of division, the six brothers who favored reward based on merit proposed a friendly meeting over dinner with the six who believed loyalty should come first."

James Parks Caldwell, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**; Isaac M. Jordan, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, Benjamin Piatt Runkle, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**; Franklin Howard Scobey, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1858**; Thomas Cowan Bell, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**; and Daniel

William Cooper, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**; were the six who believed reward should be based on merit. They waited expectantly for the arrival of their estranged Deke brothers, believing that an evening of good food and good company would help restore fraternal bonds. They were to be disappointed.

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

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

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

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

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

A plaque *(top)* marks the Oxford, Ohio building where Sigma Chi was founded. Photographs show the building as it appeared then *(middle)* and now *(bottom)*. Past Grand Consul William P. Huffman, DENISON 1911, presented the property title to the Sigma Chi Foundation in 1973.

The Early Beginnings of Sigma Chi

One of the best moves ever made by the six men who walked away from Delta Kappa Epsilon was associating themselves with William Lewis Lockwood, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1858**. He had entered Miami (Ohio) early in 1855 but had not joined a fraternity. He was the "businessman" of the group and possessed a remarkable organizing ability. More than any other Founder, he was responsible for setting up the general plan of the Fraternity, much of which endures to this day.

During the latter months of the 1854 to 1855 academic year, Runkle and Caldwell lived in a second-floor room of a building near Oxford's public square on High Street — now known as the birthplace of Sigma Chi. The Founders had many of the earlier organizational meetings of Sigma Chi in this room, and it was there that Runkle and Lockwood designed the badge. The White Cross was designed exactly as we know it today, except for the letters ΣΦ in the black center. The letters were later changed to ΣΧ after the original Sigma Phi ritual was stolen; what became the Sigma Chi Ritual proved to hold a stronger meaning than the original.

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

> You will doubtless create quite a sensation when you first put on the 'dear old cross.' [Wherever] you may go, you will find no handsomer pins, and I trust and hope that these emblems or purity will be indices of the purity and nobleness of the hearts beneath them. We should endeavor to raise ourselves that to say of a man, 'He is a Sigma Chi' shall be synonymous with, 'He is a liberally educated, high-minded, pure and noble man.' Such are some of the objects of our society. The world is in great need of just such men, and let all who go out from our chapters be such men. ***[To Eta Chapter, Oct. 15, 1857]***

Wrote Runkle… "Lockwood and [I] designed the badge, that is to say, we furnished the ideas. Frank Baird, a Delta Kappa Epsilon, who would not withdraw with us (though sympathizing with us), and since an artist of high renown, drew the design. I can see him now, Lockwood on one side and I on the other, working away over the drawing in that poor little old room where Sigma Chi had her birth. I remember that we determined to have a cross — and we understood the meaning of that emblem."

Sigma Chi Fraternity: Built to Last

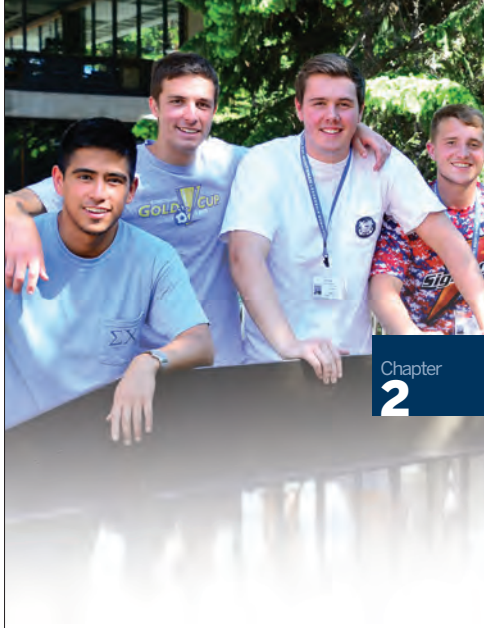
The working fraternal conceptions of Sigma Chi Fraternity have long been identified with the words Friendship, Justice and Learning. These three elements were the basic ideals our Founders used in forming the foundation of Sigma Chi.

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

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

In the 19th century, the academics of college were very strenuous. College men of the day studied subjects such as spherical trigonometry, Roman history and odes and satires of Homer, Horace and Plato. A strong emphasis was placed on literature in all campus activities. In the literary exercises of the chapter, literary training was regular and rigid. Founder Issac M. Jordan, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, once said, "We entered upon all our college duties with great zeal and earnestness, studied hard, tried to excel in every department of study, contended for every hall or college prize and endeavored to make our Fraternity have a high and honorable standing." The Founders placed learning in high regard and importance.

More than 160 years ago, a Sigma Chi defined the fraternity as "an obligation, a necessity, an introduction, a requirement, a passport, a lesson, an influence, an opportunity, an investment, a peacemaker and a pleasure."



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Friendship, Justice, and Learning were the basic principles our Founders used in forming the foundation of Sigma Chi.

Constantine and Sigma Chi Heritage

Marble bust of Emperor Constantine I, circa 325 to 370 A.D., Metropolitan Museum, New York

Many organizations, including Sigma Chi, have a set of signs, symbols, and mottoes defining and expressing their beliefs and ideals, which collectively is known as heraldry. The significance of heraldry is rooted in centuries-old traditions. Before going into battle, knights blazoned themselves with a coat of arms, a crest, a shield upon which was painted the escutcheon and possibly a badge. If the knight wore a badge, he wore it proudly, for it was his only way to distinguish himself in battle. Sigma Chi has a heraldry rooted deep in tradition that has grown out of many ideas, much thought and tireless research. The seven Founders created the chief elements of Sigma Chi heraldry, including the White Cross. They admired the courage of those ancient warriors who were willing to fight — even to die — for their ideals. Consequently, our heraldry is strongly influenced by the Roman Emperor Constantine, a man who demonstrated remarkable courage and commitment to an ideal.

Constantine was born in 272 A.D., and grew to become a fine soldier, ultimately achieving the rank of Emperor of the Roman Empire. Eusebius Pamphilus was a personal advisor to Constantine. In his biography, *Life of the Blessed Emperor Constantine*, Eusebius reports he heard directly from Constantine, confirmed with an oath, the following:

> Marching toward Rome on Oct. 27, 312 A.D., Constantine's forces were pursuing the armies of Maxentius, a challenger to the crown. Constantine, on the eve of battle, restless of sleep, left camp to ponder his thoughts, where when he looked heavenward, saw a cross in the sky with the Greek words "en toutoi nika," derived from the Latin translation, "In Hoc Signo Vinces" and is interpreted into English as "In this Sign, you shall conquer." Returning to camp, and very early the next morning, Constantine finally fell asleep. And in his sleep, the Christ of God appeared to him in a dream with the same sign which Constantine had seen in the heavens and commanded him to make a likeness of that sign which he had seen in the heavens, and to use it as a safeguard in all engagements with his enemies.

At daybreak Constantine ordered his soldiers mark the letter "X" upon their shields with a line drawn through it and a mark across the top (The Chi Rho Sign). Because this was the symbol of Christ, the battle took on the significance of a Holy Cause, and because Constantine was victorious, is considered a significant event in establishing Christianity in the western world.

The Founders' Vison.

Founder Runkle was deeply inspired with the vison of Constantine and the heritage behind the Cross. It was Runkle who convinced the other Founders that all Sigma Chis should take inspiration from Constantine as a man of simple beginnings who, through a life of significance, became a leader of men, renowned throughout all history. The vison of Constantine

Left: This painting by the famous Renaissance artist Raphael hangs in the Palace of the Vatican in the Hall of Constantine, and depicts Constantine's vision of the cross.

became the inspiration for the Badge of Sigma Chi. Founders Runkle and Lockwood perfected their designs for the Badge and its emblems in Runkle and Caldwell's room, now known as the Founding Site of Sigma Chi .

The Slanting of the Badge. Why?

From Founder Thomas Cowan Bell, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, to John S. McMillin, **DEPAUW 1876**, first Grand Consul, circa 1910, "Ben Runkle was the embryonic soldier of the group and was a student of the Greek and Roman wars. Constantine was one of his heroes and the first of the Seven to catch the inspiration of the vision of Constantine, and to interweave it into the story of the White Cross and the slanting of the Badge over the left shoulder. Founder Bell mentions, 'The White Cross and the slanting of the Badge over the left shoulder, which was and is done to parallel and draw symbolism with Constantine, whose soldiers carried their swords in the right hand with the blade slanted across their breast, point over their left shoulder.'"

Below: The Arch of Constantine, constructed between 312 and 315 A.D., commemorates 10 years of Constantine's reign and his victory at the Battle of Milvian Bridge.

IN THE FOUNDERS' OWN WORDS...

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

—Founder Benjamin Piatt Runkle, Aug. 6, 1913

What We Aspire To and Believe

LIFELONG LEARNING

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

DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP

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

HUMAN DIGNITY

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

SERVICE TO OTHERS

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

RESPONSIBLE PERSONAL CONDUCT

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

SOUND RELATIONSHIPS WITH COLLEGIATE INSTITUTIONS

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

Sigma Chi's Fundamental Purpose

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

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

Friendship, Justice and Learning: The Roots of our Fraternity

The fundamental purpose of the Sigma Chi Fraternity is the cultivation, maintenance and accomplishment of the ideals of Friendship, Justice and Learning within our membership. They are referred to as The Three Great Aims of our Fraternity. Our brotherhood has its roots in the collegiate experience and engenders a lifelong commitment to strive to achieve true friendship, equal justice for all and the fulfillment of learning as part of our overall responsibilities to the broader communities in which we live.

FRIENDSHIP

When the Founders came together to form the Fraternity in 1855, one of the core beliefs that each shared with the group was mutual friendship among the seven. Their quality of character and their practice of core values and proper manners formed a close-knit brotherhood, very similar to the one we promote as a General Fraternity today. We achieve the ideal of friendship through the practice of the characteristics embodied in the Ritual, and we aim to help our fellow brothers achieve their goals as well.

JUSTICE

We continuously reaffirm our purpose through the observance of the Fraternity's governing laws and through adherence to the decisions of our legislative assemblies, which empower and direct our leadership. Doing the right thing, above anything else, was the sole reason for the birth of the Fraternity. Standing true to their belief of integrity, six of Sigma Chi's Founders left the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity because they wanted to stay true to principle.

LEARNING

Each Sigma Chi completes a period of education devoted to understanding the Fraternity's unique history, traditions and practices, which culminates in an opportunity to accept a lifelong commitment to the Fraternity and the achievement of its purpose. Along with promoting scholarship and academic success, the Fraternity also best serves its purpose by developing, implementing and monitoring programs that foster leadership, build character and promote positive relationship skills, which, in turn, enable our members to become productive and caring participants in their families, colleges and communities.

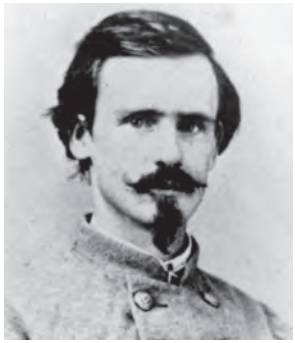
IN THE FOUNDER'S OWN WORDS...

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

— The Founders of Sigma Chi, June 28, 1855

Original Badge

Badge, today



The Proud History of Sigma Chi

1855
- Sigma Phi, later changed to Sigma Chi, was founded at Miami (Ohio) University, Oxford, Ohio.

1856
- Greek-letter rivals at Miami University stole the Ritual and records, which necessitated the preparation of a new constitution and Ritual and a change in name from Sigma Phi to Sigma Chi.

1857
- The seven Founders attended the Fraternity's first biennial convention, which was June 12 in Cincinnati.
- Bell, Caldwell, Cooper, Runkle and Jordan graduated in June from Miami (Ohio) University.

1858
- On Sept. 10, Lockwood and Scobey, the last of the Founders to graduate from Miami, established Lambda chapter at Indiana University in Bloomington, now the oldest chapter in continual existence in Sigma Chi.
- In June, Alpha, the parent chapter, became inactive, and the Gamma chapter assumed its governing authority for the next 24 years.

1861
- Sigma Chi installed 12 chapters prior to the Civil War. Fraternity records contain the names of 265 members who participated in the conflict — more than 60 percent of Sigma Chi's total membership at the time of 432. Of them, 147 fought for the Union, and 118 sided with the Confederacy.
- Founders Runkle, Scobey, Lockwood, Bell and Cooper fought for the Union in the conflict. Caldwell, who made his home in Panola County, Miss., fought with the Confederacy.
- The third Grand Chapter met in Wheeling, W.V., and there the first official "Form of Initiation" was designated for all chapters. "In Hoc Signo Vinces," a secret motto since 1856, was made the official public motto.

1864
- Harry St. John Dixon, **VIRGINIA 1861**, and his small band of Sigma Chi soldiers established what has come to be known as the Constantine Chapter of Sigma Chi on the night of Sept. 17, during the heated Atlanta campaign of the Civil War.

1866
- The Sixth Biennial Celebration was Dec. 27 to 28 in Washington, D.C. Here, the name "Grand Chapter"was first used.

1870
- The 8th Grand Chapter, in Philadelphia, adopted blue and gold as the Fraternity's colors. These colors are now standardized as blue and old gold.

1872
- The first alumni chapter was established in Indianapolis, Ind.
- The 9th Grand Chapter elected Harry St. John Dixon, **VIRGINIA 1861**, as Grand Historian, making him the Fraternity's first Grand Officer.

1876	• The "Purdue Case," in which Thomas P. Hawley, **PURDUE 1883**, was denied entrance into Purdue University because of his prior initiation into and affiliation with Sigma Chi, began. The case came to a head in 1881 when Judge D.P. Vinton ruled that the faculty had no right to bar Hawley from their classes on the issue. When the appeal decision was handed down June 21, 1882, the Indiana Supreme Court ruled that fraternities could exist on the campus of Purdue University, a sweeping victory for Sigma Chi.
1881	• The Fraternity's first magazine, *The Sigma Chi*, was established under the supervision of the Theta chapter at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. In 1926, it became *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*.
1882	• The 14th Grand Chapter in Chicago adopted a transitional form of centralized government. Delegates elected John S. McMillin, **DEPAUW 1876**, as Sigma Chi's first Grand Consul.
1886	• Sigma Chi reached the Pacific Coast with the establishment of Alpha Beta chapter at the University of California-Berkeley.
1887	• *The Sigma Chi Bulletin*, the first Greek-letter private publication for members only, was born.
1890	• The brothers of Chi chapter at Hanover College became the first Sigs to move into their own chapter house.
1893	• The last honorary member of Sigma Chi, President Grover Cleveland, **MICHIGAN 1893**, was initiated on Jan. 26. He is the only Sigma Chi to hold the office of President of the United States.
1895	• The 22nd Grand Chapter, which met July 25 to 27 in Chicago, elected Founder Benjamin Piatt Runkle, MIAMI (OHIO) 1857, to be Sigma Chi's seventh Grand Consul. He was the only Founder to serve in that position.
1899	• The Fraternity adopted the flag design of Henry H. Vinton, **PURDUE 1885**.

1901	• The 25th Grand Chapter approved the Fraternity's pledge button.
1903	• The 26th Grand Chapter in Detroit established that the board of Grand Trustees had general control of the endowment fund.
1905	• The Fraternity hosted its semi-centennial Grand Chapter in Cincinnati and Oxford, Ohio, July 27 to 30, with Founders Bell, Caldwell, Cooper and Runkle in attendance.
1909	• The 29th Grand Chapter, which met June 29 to 30 in Chicago, created a five-member Executive Committee. • Sigma Chi helped launch the National Interfraternity Conference on Nov. 27, in New York City.
1911	• *The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi* song was written in June for the 25th anniversary reunion of the Alpha Pi chapter at Albion College in Michigan. Significant Sig and songwriter Byron D. Stokes, **ALBION 1913**, wrote the words one afternoon in class. He then gave them to Significant Sig and song composer F. Dudleigh Vernor, **ALBION 1914**, who set them to music the same day.
1913	• Order of Constantine Sig Fredrick C. "Fritz" Grabner, **BELOIT 1911**, became the Fraternity's first full-time Executive Secretary.
1914	• The first General Headquarters office devoted exclusively to the business of the Fraternity was established in Chicago.
1916	• The Alpha Beta chapter at California-Berkeley is believed to have hosted its "Channing Way Derby" for the first time this year. Over the ensuing decades, many other chapters hosted their own version of the event, forming what eventually became known as Derby Days, Sigma Chi's signature philanthropic event.
1920	• During the 1920s — the exact year is unknown — Mrs. Alice Tuttle, housemother at the Gamma Delta chapter at Oklahoma State, wrote The Sigma Chi Grace, the Fraternity's prayer.
1922	• After 67 years as a national organization, Sigma Chi became international when it installed the Beta Omega chapter at the University of Toronto on April 22.
1925	• The 37th Grand Chapter in Estes Park, Colo., originated the Life Membership program, which later became known as the Life Loyal program. • Ninth Grand Consul Dr. Joseph Cookman Nate, **ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1890**, unveiled the first volume of his monumental *History of the Sigma Chi Fraternity*.
1929	• Twenty-ninth Grand Consul L. G. Balfour, **INDIANA 1907**, established the Balfour Award, the highest undergraduate honor in the Fraternity. The annual award recognizes the most outstanding graduating senior of each undergraduate chapter, province and International Fraternity of that college year. • Fourteenth Grand Consul George Ade, **PURDUE 1887**, wrote *The Sigma Chi Creed*. • The Fraternity adopted a uniform system of pledge training, which included the first edition of *The Norman Shield*.

1933	• On July 10, 9th Grand Consul Joseph Cookman Nate, **ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1890**, entered the Chapter Eternal at age 65 after 43 years of official service to Sigma Chi. He is best remembered for his monumental *History of the Sigma Chi Fraternity*, four volumes of which he had published prior to his death.
1934	• The Endowment Commission was established. In 1941, its name was changed to the Sigma Chi Foundation.
1935	• The Fraternity created the Significant Sig Award, which was named by Significant Sig and *The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi* writer Byron D. Stokes, **ALBION 1913**. This award would be presented at Grand Chapter to alumni whose achievements brought honor and prestige to the Fraternity. Seven medals were presented at the 42nd Grand Chapter in Chicago.
1941	• The Daniel William Cooper Award Trophy was presented at the 45th Grand Chapter in Detroit. It is awarded to the most outstanding undergraduate chapter scholarship program.
1942	• Several thousand Sigs stationed all over the world served in the armed services during World War II. Medal of Honor winner Capt. Maurice L. Britt, **ARKANSAS 1941**, became the most decorated U.S. officer of the war. During the war, the Fraternity lost 724 members, seven times as many as it lost in World War I.
1945	• On June 19, a group of 16 Sigs gathered at the Office of War Information Club in Manila, Philippine Islands, to write another stirring chapter in Sigma Chi history. Fierce fighting in World War II was still raging less than 20 miles from Manila and Japanese snipers were still active in the battered city when these Sigs met to reactivate the Manila alumni chapter. Instrumental in the reorganization were Richard H. Watkins, **OREGON 1936**, and Howard Kramer, **DARTMOUTH 1929**.
1947	• On Aug. 31 through Sept. 3, the first Balfour Leadership Training Workshop was at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. A total of 215 delegates from 82 of 108 undergraduate chapters attended. Delegates covered the topics of recruitment, pledge training, chapter organization, accounting methods, preparation of a yearly budget, interpretation of the Ritual, campus and alumni relations and chapter publications.
1948	• The 47th Grand Chapter in Seattle established the Order of Constantine to recognize alumni for outstanding Fraternity service. Forty-seven Sigs were made charter members. • Barbara Tanner, a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta women's fraternity from Michigan State University, was selected as the first International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi.
1950	• After 95 years of renting office space or having none at all, Sigma Chi bought the Harley L. Clark mansion on Lake Michigan in Evanston, Ill., to serve as its Headquarters building. • *Life Magazine* cited Sigma Chi Fraternity as "...one of the most solid of all..." in a story on college fraternities.

1955 • The Fraternity celebrated its centennial on June 28, in Oxford, Ohio, as a part of the 50th Grand Chapter, which met in Cincinnati.

• During the literary exercise portion of the 50th Grand Chapter, brothers in attendance received a copy of *The Centennial History of Sigma Chi Fraternity*, 1855 to 1955, by Order of Constantine Sig Robert M. Collett, **DENISON 1915**. With 2,000 Sigs and guests in attendance, it was the largest event in Sigma Chi history.

1957 • The 51st Grand Chapter met in Toronto from June 25 to 28, the first time such an event occurred outside of the United States.

1961 • All 134 active chapters participated in the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at Bowling Green University, the first workshop to have all chapters represented.

1962 • Four assistant executive secretaries (AESs) from Headquarters conducted an extended chapter assistance program, visiting each undergraduate chapter at least once.

1964 • Sigma Chi had its first U.S. presidential candidate in 72 years. Arizona Senator and Significant Sig Barry Goldwater, **ARIZONA 1932**, won the Republican nomination. Hundreds of Sigma Chis took an active part in his spirited, though unsuccessful, campaign.

• The Fraternity presented the J. Dwight Peterson Significant Chapter Award for the first time. Named for 38th Grand Consul Peterson, who endowed it, the award recognizes each chapter in the Fraternity that meets a thorough yet attainable set of standards. The first winners were the chapters at DePauw, MIT and Sam Houston for their performances during the 1963 to 1964 school year. Following the 1969 to 1970 academic year, the Sigma Chi Foundation began to present a cash donation to the counseling and tutoring programs of the winning chapters' institutions.

1966 • On Oct. 30, more than 300 Sigs and guests gathered at 1714 Hinman Avenue in Evanston, Ill., to dedicate the Fraternity's newly constructed Headquarters, the first built by Sigma Chi for this purpose.

1969 • Astronaut and Significant Sig John W. Young, **GEORGIA TECH 1952**, was one of three astronauts who circled the moon in Apollo 10. In 1972, as commander of the Apollo 16 space mission, he became the ninth man to set foot on the moon. He carried a Sigma Chi badge and flag with him to the moon, both of which are now on display in the Fraternity's Headquarters Museum.

1970 • As in previous wars, Sigma Chis played vital roles in the Vietnam War. More than 40 Sigs lost their lives in the conflict.

1971 • The 58th Grand Chapter in Scottsdale, Ariz., marked the climax and resolution of nearly 15 years of internal strife in the Fraternity over the proposed initiation of members of minority groups. Grand Chapter delegates voted to remove restrictive passages in the Fraternity's Governing Laws, validating earlier actions of the Executive Committee and granting active chapters increased autonomy in membership selection.

• John W. Graham, Q.C., **TORONTO-RYERSON 1933**, became the first Canadian to be elected Grand Consul.

1972
- The Executive Committee authorized a program to provide the General Fraternity and staff participation and assistance in the initial creation of new local fraternities as prospective future chapters. The first such group was established at Florence State University in Alabama, which is now known as the University of North Alabama.
- The committee authorized the new Erwin L. LeClerg Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award. The first recipient was Order of Constantine Sig Dr. Elton B. Hill, **MICHIGAN STATE 1915**, a longtime advisor to the Gamma Psi chapter.
- On the governmental and international scene, national elections in the United States increased the size of the delegation of Sigma Chi members in the Congressional and legislative bodies of the United States and Canada to a record number of three United States Senators, one Canadian Senator, and 15 United States Representatives.

1973
- In January, Significant Sig and Secretary of State William P. Rogers, **COLGATE 1934**, represented the United States in signing the long-awaited agreement to end the war in Vietnam.
- At the Grand Chapter, 41st Grand Consul William P. Huffman, **DENISON 1911**, presented the title of the founding site property in Oxford, Ohio, to the Sigma Chi Foundation. Huffman purchased the property from its Oxford owners, and by his generous gesture, assured that the building with the room known as the "birthplace of Sigma Chi" would be preserved. In 1978, the building was identified as the oldest commercial structure in the town of Oxford.

1974
- The Fraternity created the William T. Bringham Best House Corporation Officer Award and the Edna A. Boss Houseparent Award.

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

1977
- Sigma Chi reaffirmed its anti-hazing stance by adopting a statement of position on pledge training and the Ritual.
- The Fraternity recorded its 150,000th initiate.

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

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

1985
- The Fraternity created the Edwin C. Fisher Grand Praetor Award.

1987
- The Epsilon Omicron chapter at the University of Western Ontario hosted the first Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in Canada.
- The Fraternity established the George Ruhle Outstanding Scholar and the Henri Stegemeier Faculty Advisor Awards.

1988
- The Fraternity established the Risk Management Foundation to provide educational and liability information and insurance services to active chapters and house corporations.
- The General Headquarters building was named in honor of 38th Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson, **INDIANA 1919**.

1989
- Sigma Chi recorded its 200,000th initiate, John Delaney, **UTAH STATE 1994**.

1989
- Executive Secretary William T. Bringham Sr., **ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1946**, retired after serving the Fraternity in that full-time Headquarters staff position for nearly 36 years.

1990
- Grand Historian and 62nd Grand Consul Douglas R. Carlson's, **MINNESOTA 1973**, 554-page *History of the Sigma Chi Fraternity — 1955 to 1980* was published, the first Sigma Chi history volume since 1955.

1991
- The Fraternity Executive Committee voted to prohibit all chapter little sister groups by June 1992.
- The 68th Grand Chapter in Portland, Ore., adopted the Fraternity Mission Statement and a new policy on alcohol and illegal drugs.

1992
- The Fraternity adopted Children's Miracle Network, now known as Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, as its new recommended service project.
- The Fraternity rededicated its founding site at the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, which was Aug. 13 to 16, at Miami (Ohio) University in Oxford, Ohio.

1993
- Legislation to create two undergraduate positions on the Executive Committee was approved by the 69th Grand Chapter in Toronto, also prompting two undergraduate appointments to the Leadership Training Board, now known as the Education and Leadership Board.

1994
- The James F. Bash Significant Improvement Award was presented for the first time to Eta Alpha chapter at Eastern Kentucky.

1995
- Order of Constantine Sig Frank J. Raymond, **PENN STATE 1971**, was named president of the Sigma Chi Foundation, succeeding Order of Constantine Sig and Significant Sig Merrill E. "Boz" Prichard, **ILLINOIS 1948**, who had served as the Foundation's executive since 1986.
- Significant Sig and Order of Constantine Sig Jon M. Huntsman Sr., **PENNSYLVANIA 1959**, and Significant Sig Jon M. Huntsman Jr., **UTAH 1983**, made a joint gift to the Foundation to underwrite the Murray K. McComas Scholarships.

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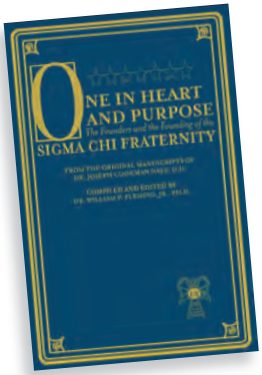
1996	• Significant Sig Kenneth S. "Bud" Adams Jr., **KANSAS 1944**, funded the Life Loyal Sig Award, which awards a life membership to each Province Balfour Award winner.
1997	• The Fraternity celebrated its 50th Balfour Leadership Training Workshop. • Fraternity contributions to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals surpassed $1 million. • The Balfour Foundation, named for 29th Grand Consul L.G. Balfour, **INDIANA 1907**, began its annual grant to underwrite educational elements of the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop.
1998	• The Fraternity launched sigmachi.org. • Grand Council delegates affirmed the Executive Committee resolution that all chapters must achieve, for each grading term, a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent.
1999	• Sigma Chi Horizons, funded by Significant Sig Bob McNair, **SOUTH CAROLINA 1958**, was born in the mountains of Snowbird, Utah.
2001	• Ten Sigma Chis died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.
2002	• Sigma Chi donations to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals surpassed $3 million. • Sigma Chi began a partnership with the Betty Ford Center. In 2008, the Choices program was merged with the alliance to provide a comprehensive approach to alcohol education.
2005	• Sigma Chi celebrated its 150th anniversary with a once-in-a-lifetime event in Cincinnati. • Sigma Chi announced a partnership with the Huntsman Cancer Institute, making it the Fraternity's second recommended philanthropy along with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

SIGMA CHI HORIZONS HUNTSMAN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

HUNTSMAN CANCER FOUNDATION SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY



2006 • The Mission 365 recruitment program was implemented throughout the Fraternity, enhancing the recruitment methods employed by undergraduate chapters.

• The Fraternity adopted the policy that allowed non-students to be initiated into Sigma Chi.

2007 • The Xi Xi chapter at the University of Missouri-Columbia was reinstalled at Balfour Leadership Training Workshop on Aug. 2. Its audience of almost 1,500 Sigma Chis is believed to comprise the largest initiation ceremony in the history of the Greek-letter world.

2009 • The Fraternity published *One in Heart and Purpose*, edited and compiled by Grand Historian William P. Fleming, **SAM HOUSTON STATE 1964**. The volume documents and tells the story of the Founders and the founding of Sigma Chi.

2011 • The Fraternity initiated its 300,000th member, Nick Cafero, **VIRGINIA 2014**, on April 29.

2012 • The Fraternity announced the Huntsman Cancer Foundation as its sole preferred philanthropic partner.

• Sigma Chi hosted the most participants of any Greek-letter leadership workshop in history when 1,901 participants gathered at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., for Balfour Leadership Training Workshop.

2013 • The Fraternity celebrated donating more than $1 million to the Huntsman Cancer Foundation since 2005.

2014 • Sigma Chi developed and launched its Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Jordan Initiative workshops, as well as its Crossroads drug and alcohol education program designed to promote values-based decision-making regarding alcohol and drugs.

2015 • The Horizons Leadership Development Program was renamed the Horizons Huntsman Leadership Institute after Order of Constantine Sig Jon M. Huntsman Sr., **PENNSYLVANIA 1959**, who made a generous $5 million donation through the Sigma Chi Foundation to the program that has been so close to his heart since its inception.

• The Huntsman Cancer Institute named the sixth floor of its hospital in honor of The Sigma Chi International Fraternity after the Fraternity pledged to donate $10 million over seven years.

• Sigma Chi launched its Sigma Chi U Learning Management System by piloting the Preparation for Brotherhood Program to 49 chapters in fall 2015, providing Sigma Chi with a blended learning program that included eLearning on Sigma Chi U.

2016 • At 2016 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, the Preparation for Brotherhood pledge education program launches to all undergraduate chapters as the Fraternity's first structured, consistent pledge program, including elements on the Sigma Chi U learning management system.

- Sigma Chi holds a grand opening to unveil the state-of-the-art, interactive Chuck and Kim Watson Sigma Chi Museum as part of the 50th anniversary of the Sigma Chi International Headquarters building located at 1714 Hinman Avenue in Evanston, Ill.

2017

- Through a generous endowment donated by Michael Zibilich, **LOUISIANA STATE 1970**, in honor of his son, Keller Zibilich, **LOUISIANA STATE 2015**, Sigma Chi Lifeline launches mental health awareness to all members on Sigma Chi U.
- The Constantine Housing Initiative was founded to increase the level of General Fraternity support to volunteers, staff and local House Corporations, as they strive to maintain and improve the quality of Sigma Chi housing.

2018

- Taking a lead in the Greek-letter landscape, Sigma Chi institutes a ban of all hard alcohol 15% APV or higher in all Sigma Chi properties and reduces its pledge program to 5 weeks in length.
- 64th Grand Consul Keith Krach, **PURDUE 1979**, sponsors Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop to help develop the leaders of tomorrow.
- Sigma Chi launches full deployment of its Regional Chapter Support Coordinator program, which deploys experienced and talented regional staff members across North America to better serve its 240-plus chapters.
- Preparation for Brotherhood pledge education program wins the North American Interfraternity Conference's (NIC) Laurel Wreath Award for outstanding programming in the Greek-letter world.
- The Sigma Chi Leadership Institute acquires Footprints Consulting & Training from longtime Sigma Chi curriculum consultant Elaine Palladino, intaking more than 13,000 pieces of leadership development curriculum to integrate into Sigma Chi's new educational landscape.

NIC

LAUREL WREATH AWARD

2019

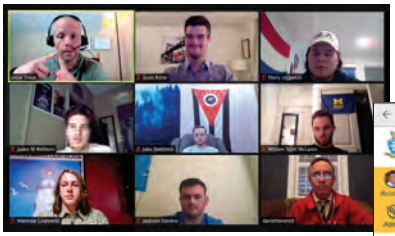
- Sigma Chi adopts Transformational Leadership and the Sigma Chi Leadership Model as its core leadership philosophy as construction of the Fraternity's membership development program evolves.
- Sigma Chi Leadership Institute becomes Sigma Chi's education-specific sub-organization, housing and deploying all intellectual property of the Fraternity.
- Sigma Chi U learning management system rebrands to be called Sigma Chi Online.
- After a pioneering five years of partnership, Sigma Chi transitions its mental health resource from Sigma Chi Lifeline website to the Reach Out Editions app mental health resource to better address the mobile needs of undergraduates.
- Sigma Chi's Strong Arms eLearning course wins the NIC's 2019 Laurel Wreath Award for outstanding programming in the Greek-letter world.
- Sigma Chi launches its new Values-Based Decision Making (VBDM) and Ritual for Life (R4L) blended curricula to its members — R4L serves as the replacement to Post-Initiation Training of the past.

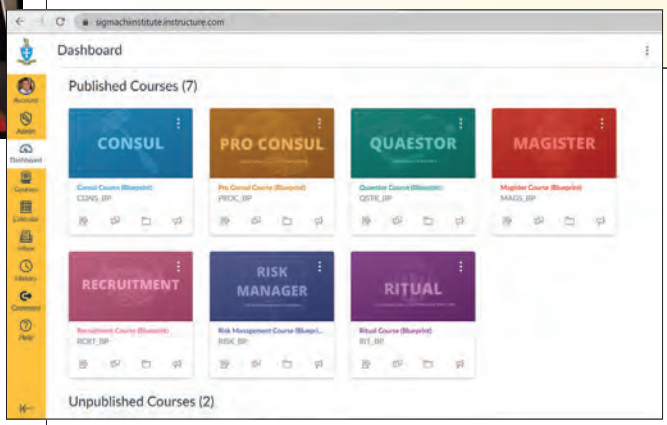
SIGMA CHI LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

2020

- In 2016, Harvard University announced a sanctions policy which would unfairly punish any student who belonged to an unrecognized single-sex organization simply on the basis of their membership. In 2018, Sigma Chi led and joined an interfraternal coalition to file litigation, challenging that Harvard's sanctions policy was impinging students' right to freely associate, as protected by the first and fourteenth amendments of the U.S. Constitution. This marked the first time in Sigma Chi history that the international fraternity was a named plaintiff in litigation against an institution where active chapter members were enrolled. In 2020, following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Bostock v. Clayton County, Harvard University reversed their sanctions policy and settled the litigation filed by the interfraternal coalition. This was a monumental victory in the interfraternal community as it successfully defended the associational rights of students.
- On March 22, 2020, Sigma Chi International Fraternity began its response plan to the worldwide pandemic known as COVID-19. Serious operational challenges faced the various active and alumni chapters, house corporations, and the international fraternity. Guidance for how to modify recruitment, pledging, initiation, member education, philanthropic work, housing arrangements, chapter meetings, and other areas of core operations was quickly developed and issued to the fraternity. In addition, campus unrest as an outgrowth of civil unrest presented as anti-Greek sentiment on a wide range of campuses. The Fraternity's successful navigation through the pandemic was a testament to the resolve and resilience of the leadership of the fraternity at all levels.
- In July 2020, in response to the global pandemic, Sigma Chi Fraternity and Sigma Chi Leadership Institute transitioned the 2020 Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop into a virtual Officer Training Academy (OTA) conference to teach all undergraduate officers the core roles and responsibilities of their positions. Following tremendous success in engaging more than 1,000 undergraduates virtually, the Fraternity decided to host OTA online twice a year moving forward — in July and in January — to provide on-demand resources for all transitioning officers.

Officer Training ACADEMY





2021

- In February 2020, Sigma Chi Leadership Institute launched the pilot tests to the Foundational Leadership Certificate and Distance Leadership Certificate to 16 chapters within the Sigma Chi Fraternity, including enrolling the first student into SCLI, Ryan Jeffries, **OKLAHOMA STATE 2023**, and graduating its first student, Landon Lathrop, **ST. THOMAS 2023**
- In June 2021 at Grand Chapter in Scottsdale, Ariz., the Sigma Chi Fraternity launched The Transformational Leader program, the over-arching educational philosophy of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. The member development experience will eventually feature nine leadership certificates for undergraduates and alumni.
- From July 27–30, the Sigma Chi Fraternity returned to its Founding site at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, to launch the refreshed 2021 Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop to 750 undergraduates following a year hiatus from the event because of the global COVID-19 pandemic. The event welcomed Transformational Leaders from all Sigma Chi chapters and associate chapters to experience SCLI's leadership certificates.

2022

- On May 13–15, 2022, Sigma Chis from across North America convened in Toronto to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Sigma Chi establishing its first Canadian chapter and to mark the moment that we became an International Fraternity when the Beta Omega Chapter at the University of Toronto was installed on April 22, 1922.
- On July 1, 2022, The Sigma Chi International Fraternity revised and modernized the organization's corporate structure for the first time in more than 60 years, strengthening the operations of our Order.
- On Aug. 5, 2022, at 2022 Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop's closing session, Fraternity and Sigma Chi Leadership Institute leadership announced that SCLI achieved institutional accreditation from the Middle States Association of Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CESS) unanimously for a seven-year grant of accreditation as a learning service provider.
- On Aug. 18, 2022, The Sigma Chi International Fraternity launched the Expect More Strategic Plan, outlining a seven-year vision of strategic priorities to develop a Transformational organization. The objectives include Health, Safety and Wellness; Engagement; Development and Growth.

2023

- In June 2023, Sigma Chi's Transformational Leader Program added another accolade as the Values-Based Leadership Certificate, created by Sigma Chi Leadership Institute, won the North American Interfraternity Conference's 2023 Laurel Wreath Award for outstanding leadership programming across the Greek-letter landscape.
- In June 2023, 68th Grand Consul Mike Greenberg, **ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1982**, was honored with the North American Interfraternity Conference's Gold Medal, the highest achievement in the Greek-letter system. The Gold Medal is awarded for outstanding service and impact within the entire NIC and the Sigma Chi International Fraternity. Greenberg is only the sixth Sigma Chi ever to earn this prestigious honor.

Ryan Jeffries,
OKLAHOMA STATE 2023

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The Monuments and Memorials Commission has an inescapable responsibility to protect and perpetuate the Fraternity's heritage.

Monuments & Memorials

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

It has been said that to know ourselves, we must know our forebears. In early recognition of this fact, and at the urging of the undergraduate chapter at George Washington University (Epsilon Chapter), the 35th Grand Chapter in 1921 passed legislation creating the Runkle Monument Commission. The commission was charged with designing, financing, erecting and dedicating a suitable monument to Founder and 7th Grand Consul Benjamin Piatt Runkle, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

Since then, the commission has always adhered faithfully to its mission — to perpetuate the Fraternity's glorious heritage symbolized by Sigma Chi's beautiful monuments and memorials. The Monuments and Memorials Commission has an inescapable responsibility to protect and perpetuate the Fraternity's heritage as it continues its journey into future years.

The Monuments and Memorials Commission consists of a chair warden and 14 wardens, each responsible for the utilization and maintenance of the monument or memorial under his care.

THE FOUNDING SITE

The building housing the room in which Sigma Chi was founded is located on the north side of High Street in Oxford, Ohio, at the town square. The building's second-floor room, which is the exact Founding site, was renovated in 1992 and a plaque outside the building identifies its location. The building is owned by the Sigma Chi Foundation. The site was re-dedicated on June 26, 2005, during the Fraternity's 150th anniversary celebration, and on April 29, 2017, at the re-installation of the Alpha Chapter at Miami University.

FOUNDERS MEMORIAL MONUMENTS

Memorial monuments mark the grave sites of each of the seven Founders.

- **Benjamin Piatt Runkle**; Arlington National Cemetery • Arlington, Va.
- **Thomas Cowan Bell**; San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio • San Francisco, Calif.
- **William Lewis Lockwood**; Green-Wood Cemetery • Brooklyn, N.Y.
- **Daniel William Cooper**; Allegheny Cemetery • Pittsburgh, Pa.
- **Isaac M. Jordan**; Spring Grove Cemetery • Cincinnati, Ohio
- **Franklin Howard Scobey**; Greenwood Cemetery • Hamilton, Ohio
- **James Parks Caldwell**; Biloxi City Cemetery • Biloxi, Miss.

For more information about these monuments, visit the Sigma Chi Historical Initiative at sigmachi.org/history.

SAMUEL H. CLARK MEMORIAL MONUMENT

Samuel H. Clark, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1858**, was the first Sigma Chi to enter the Chapter Eternal when he passed away from typhoid fever on October 1, 1856. His monument is in Brookside Cemetery in West Chester, OH.

CONSTANTINE CHAPTER MEMORIAL

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

GRAVE SITE OF 9TH GRAND CONSUL JOSEPH C. NATE, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1890

Author of the four-volume *History of the Sigma Chi Fraternity*, Nate's grave site is marked by a monument similar to those of the seven Founders, and is located in Bloomington Cemetery, Bloomington, Ill. Nate served the General Fraternity as Grand Consul, Grand Quaestor, Grand Tribune, Grand Historian and Grand Trustee and is often referred to as the eighth Founder.

J. DWIGHT PETERSON HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AND THE SIGMA CHI FOUNDATION MUSEUM & RESEARCH ARCHIVES LIBRARY

The J. Dwight Peterson International Headquarters honors 38th Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson, **INDIANA 1919**, an Order of Constantine Sig and Significant Sig. Operated by the Sigma Chi Foundation, it houses the Fraternity, Foundation, and Leadership Institute operations and the John and Kim Watson Museum, which opened in April 2016 in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Headquarters building.

Headquarters is located at 1714 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ill., one block south of the main Northwestern University campus, and two blocks west of Lake Michigan. Business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST.

GRAVE SITE OF HARRY ST. JOHN DIXON

The burial place of Constantine Chapter Founder Harry St. John Dixon, **VIRGINIA 1861**, is marked by an impressive memorial monument at Mountain View Cemetery in Fresno, Calif., where Dixon had settled in his later years. In addition to being the founder of the Constantine Chapter of Sigma Chi, he was the first member elected to General Fraternity office, serving as 1st Grand Historian from 1872 to 1882.

MEMORIAL MAUSOLEUM OF 1ST GRAND CONSUL JOHN S. MCMILLIN

In honor of 1st Grand Consul John Stafford McMillin, **DEPAUW 1876**, stands an impressive mausoleum in the Roche Harbor Cemetery in Roche Harbor, Wash. The McMillin Memorial Mausoleum is on the National Register of Historic Places. Within the mausoleum is a limestone table in the center, which represents the McMillin family table, around which all the family would symbolically gather in the hereafter. There is a chair for each of the six family members.

The Jordan Standard

DEBUNKING THE MYTH

Occasionally pledges misunderstand the purpose of *The Jordan Standard*, believing it to be a target or goal to accomplish. On the contrary, it represents a ***minimum*** set of requirements that we use to evaluate potential members ***before*** they are invited to pledge. It is simply a starting point, not a final destination.

Members of your chapter felt that you possessed these minimum requirements. Once admitted to our brotherhood, however, it is your responsibility to ***go beyond these standards*** and hold yourself accountable to the higher set of ideals found in the *Three Great Aims* and the seven values associated with each of the Founders.

The health of an organization is determined by the quality of its members. Isaac M. Jordan addressed the 15th Grand Chapter in 1884 stressing the importance of member selection. The following is an excerpt from his speech.

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

Founder Jordan's speech provided the basis for the development of *The Jordan Standard* designed to ensure that our Fraternity growth is sustained by young men worthy of membership.

The Jordan Standard

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

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

A Man of Good Character. . . . . .
A Student of Fair Ability. . . . . .
With Ambitious Purposes. . . . . .
A Congenial Disposition . . . . . .
Possessed of Good Morals. . . . . .
Having a High Sense of Honor *and*
A Deep Sense of Personal Responsibility

Learning Linkages

Chapter 2

Learning Linkages

We are an organization dedicated to learning. Our overarching goal as a Fraternity is to positively impact every undergraduate brother every year with values-based leadership training and educational programming, which addresses the relevant issues that confront our brothers on college campuses today.

In each chapter of this *Norman Shield*, you will find a section called Learning Linkages designed to provide you with highlights about just some of the most important educational programs offered to our undergraduate brothers each year.

The Jordan Initiative

The Jordan Initiative was designed to address the ever-prevalent issue of campus hazing. The practice of hazing — the physical, mental or psychological abuse of another person — continues today. It degrades the mission and vision of our Fraternity and circumvents true friendship and justice through intimidation, degradation and humiliation. It has no place in the true brotherhood of Sigma Chi.

The Jordan Initiative stresses the importance of eliminating hazing through the prism of Sigma Chi's Three Great Aims. It aids chapters in understanding how to prevent hazing and, if necessary, rehabilitates chapters in which it has taken place.

The Jordan Initiative...

- teaches brothers how to create relationships that encourage the free flow of perspectives and advice, illustrating friendship;
- reviews how the oath of initiation relates to their conduct, emphasizing learning, and
- stresses the importance of standing up to brothers who propagate hazing practices, showing justice.

Founder Isaac M. Jordan, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857** — the program's namesake — laid out the characteristics of a Sigma Chi and what it means to wear the White Cross worthily through life:

> ***"Let us each and all do our duty and conduct ourselves that we will bring no dishonor upon our society or upon each other. And may we have the high and proud satisfaction of knowing that our beautiful White Cross, at once the badge of our society and the emblem of purity, will never be worn over any breast which does not beat with pure, generous and noble emotions, and by no man who is not a man of honor."***

By having crucial conversations with others and not allowing yourself to become a bystander when you see a problem, Sigma Chis can eradicate hazing once and for all from our chapters.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

— Nelson Mandela

Our Zero Tolerance on Hazing

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

Activities classified as "hazing" have been associated with organizations and groups for many years, and have been widely publicized. These activities can range from mental harassment to physical undertakings and are considered demeaning to those who become victims of these practices. In the United States, 44 states currently have laws against hazing. Each state has its own definition of what constitutes hazing, so it is best to review the laws that are appropriate to your location. You can find the laws concerning hazing in your state at stophazing.org/states-with-anti-hazing-laws/.

Sigma Chi is adamant about the total elimination of hazing in its chapters throughout North America. Sigma Chi has made clear in the Statement of Position Concerning Pledge Training & the Ritual, in 6.02.f of the Executive Committee Regulations, the Governing Laws and in the Statement of Position Concerning Pledge Training and the Ritual that hazing activities will not be tolerated. Those who participate are subject to expulsion from the Fraternity.

If you feel that you, another pledge class member OR another student on your campus is in danger related to hazing

Stop Immediately

and call the Anti-Hazing Hotline at (888) NOT-HAZE (668-4293).

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

Courage

Journal 2

DEFINING COURAGE

Being willing to stand up for what you believe in, accepting the consequences of difficult choices and decisions.

Application Suggestions — Journal

P4B COURSE 1

Use the following readings, thought questions and application suggestions to deepen your learning during Course 1 of P4B. Journal your thoughts and also the results of your actions in this section. Be prepared to discuss your learning insights with your Big Brother and at the next Preparation for Brotherhood Group Session.

- Name at least one person you know that has demonstrated a commitment to "live" with courage. Describe how their actions impacted your life.
- Document how you intend to increase the level of courage **you** demonstrate each day at school, with your friends, at home.
- Record your thoughts about *The Jordan Standard* discussion you had during your Course 1 group session. Which of the seven Jordan Standard qualities do you aspire to strengthen in your life? Describe why.
- Describe your thoughts about *The Jordan Trail* experiential activity. What did you learn?
- Find a quote on courage that you would like to share with your pledge brothers. Record it on page 53 of this journal.

ConnΣXtion

This week, make at least five ConnΣXtions with active chapter brothers. Discuss the following:

- What does the value of Courage mean to you?
- In your opinion, what is the difference between acting bravely and acting courageously?
- What have you done in your life that was courageous?
- How do you try to live out the *spirit* of Founder Runkle's courage in your daily life?

“Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear.”

— Ambrose Redmoon, Writer (1933–1996)

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“Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point.”

— C. S. Lewis, Novelist, Poet (1898–1963)

Daring Greatly

— John F. Kennedy on Theodore Roosevelt
New York City, Dec. 5, 1961

THOUGHT QUESTIONS

Is ***courage*** something you are born with or can you develop it?

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List three things in your life that you know it will take ***courage*** to change.

What does ***courage*** have to do with the quality of your character?

"It is not the critic who counts, nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done them better.

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumphs of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither defeat nor victory."

“Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one’s courage.”

— Anaïs Nin, Essayist (1903–1977)

Journal 2

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

— Winston Churchill, Politician, Historian (1874–1965)

Journal 2

"Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, *'I will try again tomorrow.'*"

— Mary Anne Radmacher, Author

What do you plan to do for the Fraternity?

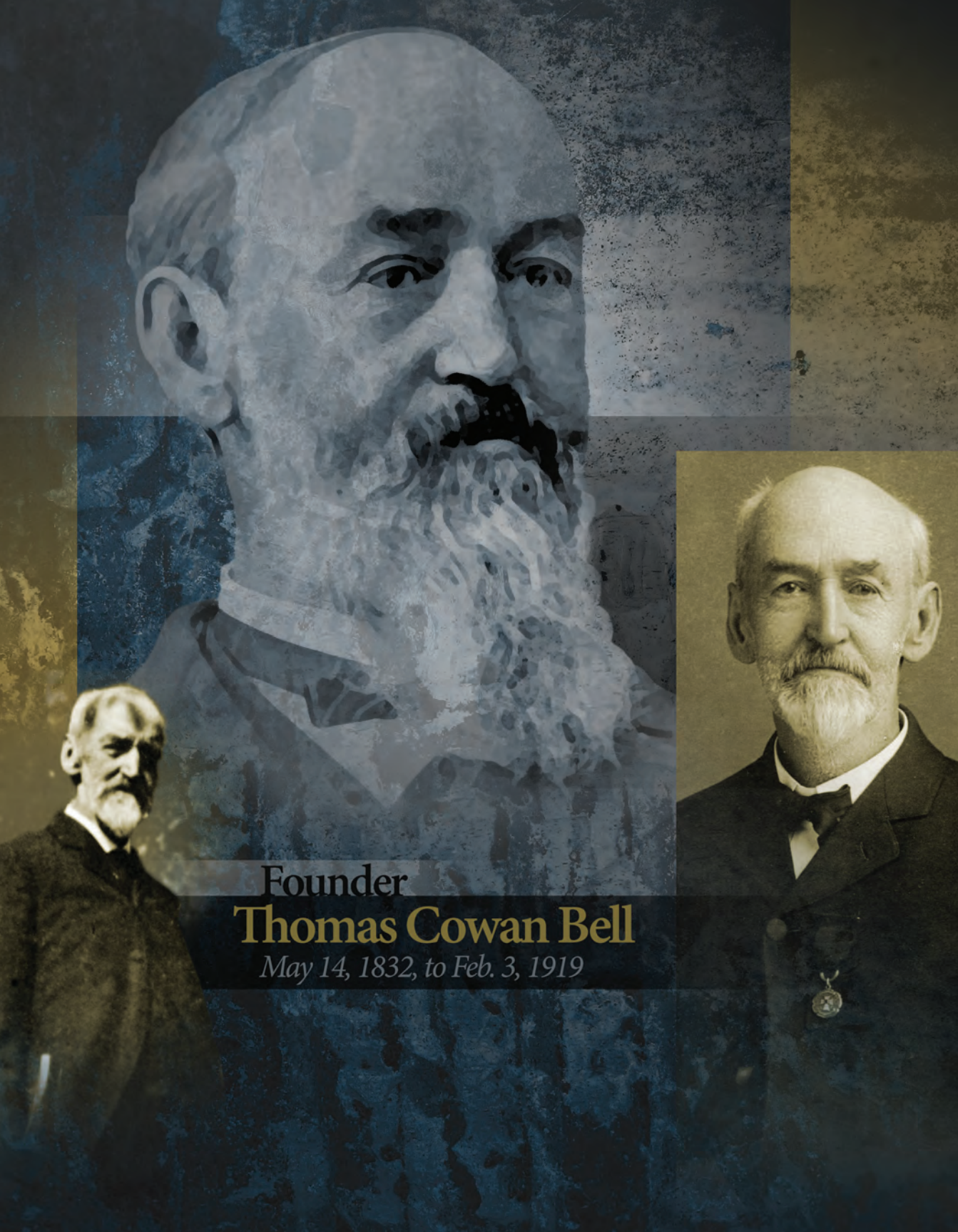
Journal 2

What do you expect from the Fraternity?

Over the next five weeks, what do you expect from yourself?

YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE

In the space below, record your favorite quote about ***courage*** — one that resonates with your own personal feelings.



Founder

Thomas Cowan Bell

May 14, 1832, to Feb. 3, 1919

WISDOM

Thomas Cowan Bell

CHAPTER 3

Bell & *Wisdom*

Introduction

Wisdom

Throughout history, there have been countless iconic figures who are notorious for possessing extraordinary wisdom. But what exactly is *wisdom*?

Defining Wisdom

Seeking knowledge, understanding what is learned, and then applying these lessons to life's situations and circumstances.

Knowledge is the accumulation of facts and information. **Wisdom** is the synthesis of **knowledge** and **experiences** into insights that deepen one's understanding of relationships and the meaning of life. In other words, **knowledge** is a tool, and **wisdom** is the craft in which the tool is used.

Wisdom emerges not from the accumulation of knowledge and experience itself, but rather from reflecting thoughtfully on the lessons gained from experience. From time to time, wisdom may involve putting what makes us happy on the back burner in our quest for meaning and a life of significance.

Cultivating wisdom is a deliberate choice that people make regardless of age and intelligence. We, in Sigma Chi, believe that your life should be a quest or search for wisdom . . . that your hunger for knowledge will ripen into learning and learning into wisdom. In this way, you have the potential to make this world a better place.

We attribute wisdom with Founder Bell's name. Brother Charles Townsend, in charge of erecting the monument for Thomas Cowan Bell, stated "Thomas Cowan Bell early displayed an ardent love for the acquisition of knowledge and demonstrated those scholarly tastes which, coupled with a genial disposition, distinguished his later life."

Thomas Cowan Bell

Founder Thomas Cowan Bell, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, was born in Bellbrook, Greene County, Ohio, near Dayton, Ohio. He entered Miami (Ohio) University in the fall of 1854, and was 23 when Sigma Chi was founded. Along with Daniel William Cooper, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, who was 25, Bell was one of the "elder statesmen" of the founding group. Yet, Bell's zest for life and good-natured personality belied his maturity, and perhaps his main love, which was learning. He sought wisdom as a student, and he later helped cultivate that wisdom in others.

His home at Oxford, Ohio, was with his aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Davis. All of the members of the Alpha chapter either moved into the house or into the immediate neighborhood and all ate at her well-furnished table. This became informally known as "the first chapter house of Sigma Chi."

Bell is best remembered for his exemplification of learning and friendship. He instilled an atmosphere of friendship in the Fraternity and had, according to Runkle, "an expression on his face that made one instinctively reach for his hand. He was one of the kindly and lovable sort,

ABOUT THIS CHAPTER:

This chapter is designed to:

- Review the life and legacy of Founder Bell,
- Define the meaning of ***Wisdom*** and describe how Founder Bell exemplified this value in his life,
- Explain the components/symbolism of the *Insignia*,
- Discuss the development and meaning of ***My Badge***,
- Describe the Mission/Vision/Purpose of the International Fraternity and of your local Chapter,
- Explain the Organizational Structure of the Fraternity including Grand Officers, Chapter Structure, Alumni, Alumni Volunteers, Headquarters,
- Describe the organizational structure of both your Province, your chapter, and the Chapter Executive Board,
- Describe the Transformational Leader program available to all Sigma Chi brothers,
- Provide suggestions about applying ***Wisdom*** to **your life** and journaling space to document your insights and learning.

You will find more information about all of the above topic areas on *Sigma Chi Online, Preparation for Brotherhood, Course 2*.

Bell, left, with first Grand Consul John S. McMillin, DEPAUW 1876.

and came into the Sigma Chi movement naturally. He was good-hearted, believed in securing the good things of life and immediately dividing the same with his companions. He was as full of enthusiasm as a crusader. Naturally, he was a leader and teacher of men. He was ambitious, but in no way disposed to push his aspirations at the expense of his fellows. He and Cooper, in thought and sympathy and in the deep foundations of their being, were much the same sort of men, though in outward expression of the inward character they differed widely."

Graduating in 1857, he became a teacher. At the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, he enlisted in the Union Army, from which he won a commission and received high commendation at the Battle of Murfreesboro (Tenn.). He rose through the ranks to become a Lieutenant Colonel, although he preferred to be called Major Bell, in which capacity he saw his most active service.

Following the war, he returned to a career in education. He served as Superintendent of Schools in Nobles County, Minn.; County Recorder of Deeds and editor/publisher of a local newspaper; and principal and president of several preparatory and collegiate institutions in the western United States.

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

Founder Facts
Thomas Cowan Bell

May 14, 1832, to Feb. 3, 1919

ACADEMICS

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

PROFESSIONAL

County superintendent, public schools, Minnesota, 1872 to 1877 • Publisher, Journal (Worthington, Minn.), 1878 to 1885 • President, Philamath College, 1885 to 1886 • Principal, La Creole Academy, Dallas, Ore., 1887 to 1892 • President, Central Oregon State Normal School, 1892 to 1896

MILITARY

Captain, major and lieutenant colonel, 74th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, U.S. Army, 1861 to 1863

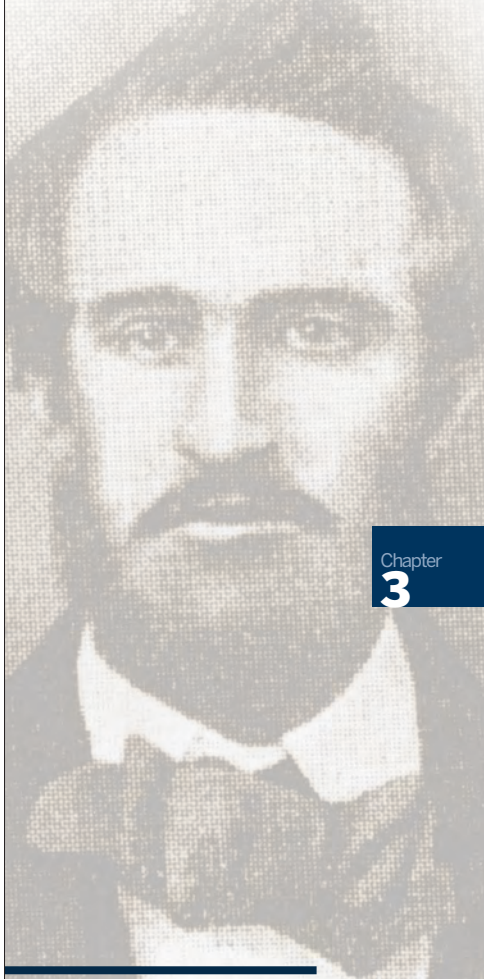
FRATERNITY

First Sigma Chi chapter house established in the home of his aunt Lizzie Davis

MEMORIAL

Presidio, San Francisco, Calif.

For more information about Thomas Cowan Bell, please visit the Sigma Chi Historical Initiative's website at sigmachi.org/history.



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Bell is best remembered for his exemplification of learning and friendship.

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Mission, Vision and Purpose

Every successful organization needs a Mission and Vision in order to guide the organization toward its goals and ideals.

*A **Mission** is how the organization aspires to accomplish.*

*The **Vision** is what the organization aspires to achieve.*

In 2015, the Sigma Chi Fraternity and Foundation embarked on a plan to make Sigma Chi the preeminent organization of its kind for the next 160 years. At an historic meeting in the spring of 2017, the Fraternity and Foundation collectively endorsed a strategic vision that calls for Sigma Chi to become the "preeminent leadership and character development brotherhood benefiting our members throughout life."

This aggressive vision calls for Sigma Chi to step outside of its traditional role as a development organization for college-aged men. Instead, we are now actively working on the development of *all members throughout their lives*.

Both organizations, Fraternity and Foundation, now communicate the same message to our members through the concept of "One Voice." Through collaboration and teamwork, the Fraternity and Foundation came together and formed a unified vision statement with separate mission statements based on operations and development (see the facing page).

The operational mission statement highlights the drive to develop world-class curriculum for the betterment of Sigma Chi members. This can be seen in the formation of the Sigma Chi Leadership Institute. The operational mission, however, can only be achieved through a dedication to the developmental mission aimed at strategic fundraising. Only when both missions succeed can we be an organization that truly embodies its fundamental purpose.

Sigma Chi's Vision

To inspire and empower our brothers to positively impact the world.

Sigma Chi's Operational Mission

To foster a brotherhood of transformational leaders who are committed to friendship, justice and learning.

Sigma Chi's Development Mission

To secure financial resources and provide faithful stewardship in support of Sigma Chi.

Sigma Chi's Fundamental Purpose

The cultivation, maintenance and accomplishment of the ideals of Friendship, Justice and Learning within our membership.

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Sigma Chi's aggressive vision goes beyond the development of college-aged men, emphasizing the active development of ALL members throughout their lives.

Insignia and Nomenclature

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

The Sigma Chi Badge

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

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

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

The badge of Sigma Chi was conceptualized and designed principally by Founders Benjamin Piatt Runkle, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, and William Lewis Lockwood, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1858**. They enlisted the help of Frank Baird, a Delta Kappa Epsilon member who was renowned for his drawing ability and with whom they maintained a close friendship, to draw the badge that they envisioned for presentation to the other Founders and, later, to Bradley, a goldsmith from Cincinnati, for production. The Founders discussed at length whether they were worthy to wear such a badge and most were hesitant to select such a symbol to represent their new Fraternity, but nonetheless settled on the Runkle and Lockwood design. Testimony exists of Daniel William Cooper, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, issuing a warning that the members of Sigma Chi should never interpret the badge to mean that they could conquer merely by any sign alone, but that the true victory was encompassed in the ideals of the badge conquering the man's spirit and that, until the meanings for which it stands take possession of the wearer, it is futile to wear it as an outward symbol.

"You are to wear it high over the heart, midway between the seat of intelligence and the seat of the affections, for we appeal to both. You are to wear it with its upper arm pointing directly over the left shoulder as the knights of old in the armies of Constantine carried their spears."

—1st Grand Consul John S. McMillin, July 20, 1932

My Badge

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

My·Badge

I might be forced to admit that there is some similarity between the ideals of Sigma Chi and those of other fraternities but—

I will not share the beautiful and the symbolic supremacy of the White Cross of Sigma Chi with any other badge in the Greek world. The badge of my Fraternity is a cross, a sign and a symbol known to all the world, uplifting

Him of whom our badge reminds us.

It is not a shield of timid defense nor a drawn sword of oppressive aggression nor an arrow swift and sure on its mission of death. It is not a diamond so rich and so rare as to have no part in the common crowd nor a crescent pale and incomplete

nor a star shining with a borrowed ray. It is not a lamp whose feeble flame is extinguished by the slightest gust of wind that blows; nor a simple monogram of mysterious Greek letters presuming to reveal some hidden meaning. But a cross with its base planted in the common clay of earth; its arms outstretched to all the world and its head lifted heavenward. It is a White Cross, suggesting purity. As any pure white surface reflects all the rays of light without the absorption of any, so the White Cross of Sigma Chi reflects its ideals unselfishly to all mankind.

W. Henry McLean.

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ABOUT WEARING THE BADGE:

"By our Ritual we must avoid the danger that may come by believing that one could conquer by just wearing an emblem to parade virtues that are not within the heart."

— Founder Daniel William Cooper

The Seal

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

The Pledge Pin

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

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

The Flag

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

Colors

The colors are **blue** and **old gold**.

Flower

The flower is the white rose.

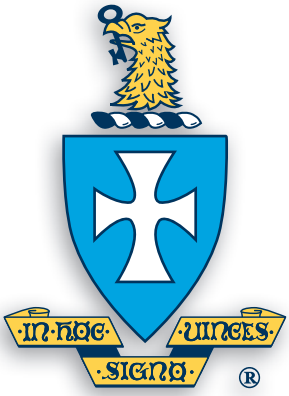
Nomenclature

The recognized nickname of Sigma Chi is Sig or Sigs. The term "Sig Chis," or any other abbreviation or nickname other than the Greek letters, is not used. Similarly, the term "frat" as an abbreviation for fraternity is not used.

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

The Coat of Arms

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

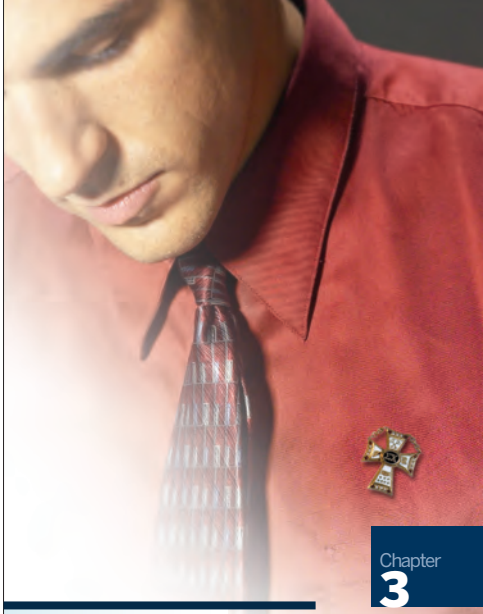


In Hoc Signo Vinces

As proficient students in history and the classic languages, each of the Founders knew the story of the Emperor Constantine well. In an 1880 address, Founder Runkle stated: "Four-and-twenty years have passed since these seven enthusiastic striplings raised aloft the Sigma Chi standard, emblazoned with the White Cross and the motto, honored and respected throughout the Christian world for ages, 'In Hoc Signo Vinces.'"

From Founder Thomas Cowan Bell to John S. McMillin, **DEPAUW 1876**, 1st Grand Consul, ca 1910, "Ben Runkle was the embryonic soldier of the group and was a student of the Greek and Roman wars and Constantine was one of his heroes and the first of the Seven to catch the inspiration of the vision of Constantine, and to interweave it into the story of the White Cross and the slanting of the Badge over the left shoulder."

In Hoc Signo Vinces is often misinterpreted as "in this sign you will conquer," suggesting that the man's acceptance of the badge as a symbol is sufficient. However, a more apt interpretation of the motto is as a command to the wearer, much as it was to the Emperor Constantine. It should be interpreted as "take this sign and go out and conquer." Thus, the Founders left us with a message to take the badge of Sigma Chi and use its teachings and ideals to guide each of us in our quest for success throughout life.



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Organizational Structure and Governance

The Fraternity's composition, governance and services have evolved throughout the years to meet the needs of the membership. The diagram at right will help you visualize how the many layers of Sigma Chi come together to form one tightly-knit, albeit complex, Fraternity.

The principle goal of these alumni and Grand Officers is the perpetuation of the success of the Fraternity by way of the constant improvement and support of the undergraduate chapters.

THE GOVERNANCE OF THE FRATERNITY

The Fraternity's governance begins at the top of the diagram, with the **Grand Chapter**. Comprised of the current and past Grand Consuls as well as delegates from alumni and undergraduate chapters, the Grand Chapter meets every other year and is the only entity that can amend the Ritual and Constitution. It can also amend the Statutes and Executive Committee Regulations (ECRs). The **Grand Council** meets in the years when the Grand Chapter does not and is composed of one undergraduate representative per province and select Grand Officers. It has the authority to amend the Statutes and ECRs only. Acting at the direction of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, the **Executive Committee** enforces the Ritual and Constitution, runs the business of the Fraternity and creates and amends ECRs. Aside from the Headquarters staff, each of these is a volunteer position. No one is paid for holding these offices or committee positions.

THE OPERATION OF THE FRATERNITY

The vast majority of the members of the Fraternity are governed by the entities mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Those members include the Fraternity's distinguished alumni, Grand Officers and various committee members, as well as the Fraternity's undergraduate and alumni members. The principle goal of these alumni and Grand Officers is the perpetuation of the success of the Fraternity by way of the constant improvement and support of the undergraduate chapters. There are many more layers that comprise the operation of the Fraternity, but this basic overview provides a general outline of how they all fit together.

THE SUPPORT OF THE FRATERNITY

Though not under the direct governance of the Fraternity, a number of organizations work tirelessly for its benefit. The Sigma Chi Foundation and the Sigma Chi Canadian Foundation are fundraising organizations dedicated to providing maximum funding for the promotion of leadership and educational initiatives as well as providing grants and scholarships. Their support is crucial to the ongoing success and relevancy of Sigma Chi. The Risk Management Foundation provides insurance to undergraduate chapters and their respective house corporations, and educates chapters on ways to improve their risk management policies. Constantine Housing Initiative is a for-profit organization that provides mortgage loans for undergraduate chapters that seek to acquire chapter houses, as well as funding to chapters to improve their existing houses. The Sigma Chi Leadership Institute oversees all educationally based programs, accreditations, and certifications for the Transformational Leadership Program.

The Fraternity's International Headquarters' staff has the principle goal of supporting all of the various activities of the Fraternity as efficiently and effectively as possible. They help administer the programs and policies that the Fraternity's members adopt. They are the only paid employees for the Fraternity.

Constitution, Ritual and Ritualistic Statutes, Statutes and Regulations of the Fraternity

GRAND CHAPTER
The Supreme Legislative Power of the Fraternity

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Business and affairs of the Fraternity

- Grand Consul
- Grand Pro Consul
- Immediate Past Grand Consul
- Grand Quaestor
- Grand Praetors (2)
- Grand Trustee
- Alumni Representative
- International Balfour Award Winners (2)
- Undergraduate Representatives (2)

GRAND COUNCIL
Advise on policies, enact, amend or repeal Statues

- Executive Committee
- Past Grand Consuls
- Grand Tribune
- Grand Historian
- Grand Praetors
- Grand Trustees
- Province Undergraduates

Grand Consul

Grand Praetors
- Chapter Advisors
- Advisory Committee
- Undergraduate Chapters
- Associate Chapters

Grand Trustees
Advise and Consult — House Corps.

Standing Committees, Other Committees, and Boards

- ✪ New Chapter Development Committee
- ✪ Governing Laws Committee
- ✪ Investment Committee
- ✪ Chapter and Member Accountability Committee
- ✪ Awards Committee
- ✦ Audit Committee
- ✦ Derby Days Committee
- ✦ Legal Affairs Committee
- ✦ Monuments and Memorials Commission
- ✦ Philanthropy Committee
- ✦ Scholarship Committee
- ✦ Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
- ✦ Member Services Committee
- ✦ Governmental Affairs Committee
- ✦ Significant Sig Selection Committee
- ✦ True North Leadership Committee
- ✦ Mission 365 Committee
- ✦ Ritual Committee
- ✦ Officer Training Committee
- ✦ Foundational Leadership Committee
- ✦ Enduring Leadership Committee
- ✦ Values-Based Decision Making Committee
- ✦ Servant Leadership Committee
- ✦ Adaptive Leadership Committee
- ✦ Innovative Leadership Committee
- ✦ Distance Leadership Committee
- ✦ Volunteer Training Committee
- ✦ Ritual Education Committee

✪ ***Existence required by governing laws*** ✦ ***Exists by action of the Grand Consul***

HEADQUARTERS STAFF
Supports all of the above

SUPPORTING ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS

- **Sigma Chi Foundation**
- **Canadian Foundation**
- **Risk Management Foundation**
- **Constantine Housing Initiative**
- **Sigma Chi Leadership Institute**

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Early Evolution of Our Government

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

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

1st Grand Consul John S. McMillin, **DEPAUW 1876**, proposed a centralized form of government that was adopted by the 1882 Chicago Grand Chapter. Chicago housed the official Headquarters of the Fraternity until the offices were moved to neighboring Evanston, Ill. in 1951.

The present form of government, as provided by the Constitution and Statutes, has not been significantly changed since its adoption.

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

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

The Grand Chapter

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

The Grand Chapter elects the officers of the Fraternity, including the Grand Consul; Grand Pro Consul; Grand Quaestor; Grand Tribune; Grand Historian; Alumnus Member-at-Large, Grand Trustee and Grand Praetor members of the Executive Committee; members of the Board of Grand Trustees; and the Grand Praetors. All are elected to two-year terms, except members of the 18-man Board of Grand Trustees who hold office for four years. Nine members of the Board of Grand Trustees are

elected at each Grand Chapter. Undergraduate delegates at the Grand Chapter also elect two undergraduate members to serve on the Executive Committee for one-year terms. In the years that the Grand Chapter is in recess, the undergraduate delegates at the Grand Council elect two undergraduate members for one-year terms on the Executive Committee.

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

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

The Grand Chapter also provides an opportunity for brothers to become acquainted with Fraternity operations as well as with brothers from different chapters. Its sessions are highlighted by individual recognition presentations, such as Order of Constantine inductions, Significant Sig and International Sweetheart award ceremonies.

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

Sigma Chi's present form of government has not been significantly changed since its adoption.

The Grand Council

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

The Grand Council may amend the statutes or Executive Committee regulations, but not the Ritual or the constitution.

The Grand Council is composed of the Grand Officers, Past Grand Consuls, members of the Executive Committee, Grand Trustees and Grand Praetors. Each Grand Praetor appoints an undergraduate member delegate from his province to represent the active chapters at each meeting of the Grand Council.

Undergraduate delegates elect two undergraduate members for one-year terms on the Executive Committee. The two undergraduates elected at the Grand Chapter and Grand Council represent all active chapters at meetings of the Fraternity's Executive Committee.

The Grand Officers constitute the membership of the Sigma Chi Corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois. The presiding officer is the Executive Director.

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of 12 members. The Grand Consul serves as chairman and the Grand Pro Consul as vice chairman. Other members are the Grand Quaestor, the immediate Past Grand Consul, a Grand Trustee elected by the Board of Grand Trustees, two Grand Praetors elected by the Grand Praetors, one alumnus member-at-large and the two most recent International Balfour Award winners. These ten members serve for two years. Two undergraduate representatives also serve one-year terms on the committee, which meets at least four times per year.

The committee makes recommendations concerning undergraduate chapter problems, and may place on probation or suspend any undergraduate chapter charter. It investigates petitions for undergraduate chapter charters, and grants charters to alumni chapters and associations. It has appellate jurisdiction over the suspension or expulsion of members with authority to reinstate and the power to try any member for offenses specified in the Constitution and Statutes. It directs the Fraternity budget and expenditures, acts upon recommendations and reports from the various boards and committees and, through the Executive Director, assigns duties to the International Headquarters staff. It administers the endowment and trust funds of the Fraternity and establishes Executive Committee Regulations, which are a part of the Governing Laws, and have general supervision of the Fraternity during the recess of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

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

Grand Officers

All Grand Officers, including Grand Council and Executive Committee members, are volunteer, unpaid officials, elected by the Grand Chapter. The Grand Officers live in different cities in the United States and Canada, and each has his own career and family responsibilities. They are partially reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred in the course of Fraternity business.

GRAND CONSUL ROBERT WILSON — **FORT HAYS STATE 1981**

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

(Description of Grand Officers continued on page 70.)

FAREWELL ADDRESS

"When I look back over forty years on the little group which gathered in Will Lockwood's room at Miami to frame the foundations of this Fraternity, knowing only, as they marked out the lines of our beautiful badge and chose these strangely fitting emblems and mottoes, that somehow they loved one another, I believe that if we had been gifted with that refinement of vision we could have seen the guiding hand of the spirit Workman.

I repeat, this Fraternity was no accident. This is not a world of accidents, but of cause and effect; not a world of illusions, but of realities; not a world of theories, but of practical work, governed not by the impassive, heartless God of the Greek father of logic, but by a personal, working God. Your Fraternity was created to bring under the influence of the fraternal spirit young men of sound brains and sound hearts, in order to make strong men for the era of cooperative action that is dawning upon the world."

—Founder Benjamin Piatt Runkle
(excerpted from his farewell address in 1897 as Grand Consul of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at the 23rd Grand Chapter held in Nashville, Tennessee)

Robert Wilson,
Grand Consul

PAST GRAND CONSULS

1st — 1882–84
John S. McMillin
DEPAUW 1876

2nd — 1884–86
John Howard Ferris
DENISON 1876

3rd — 1886–88
Orville S. Brumback
WOOSTER AND MICHIGAN 1877

4th — 1888–90
Frank M. Elliot
NORTHWESTERN 1877

5th — 1890–92
Walter L. Fisher
HANOVER 1883

6th — 1892–95
Reginald Fendall
GEORGE WASHINGTON 1864

7th — 1895–97
Benjamin Piatt Runkle
MIAMI OHIO 1857

8th — 1897–99
William L. Dudley
CINCINNATI 1880

9th — 1899–1901
Joseph C. Nate
ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1890

10th — 1901–03
Robert Farnham
GEORGE WASHINGTON 1864

11st — 1903–05
Orla B. Taylor
MICHIGAN 1886

12nd — 1905–07
Robert E. James
BUCKNELL 1869

13rd — 1907–09
Charles Alling Jr.
HANOVER and MICHIGAN 1885

14th — 1909–11
George Ade
PURDUE 1887

15th — 1911–13
Hamilton Douglas Sr.
MICHIGAN and WOOSTER 1887

16th — 1913–15
Newman Miller
ALBION 1893

17th — 1915–17
Wilbur P. Allen
TEXAS-AUSTIN 1901

18th — 1917–19
William C. Henning
DEPAUW 1890

19th — 1919–21
Lawrence Degraff
CHICAGO 1898

20th — 1921
Stephen T. Mather
CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY 1887

21st — 1921–23
Joseph T. Miller
WOOSTER 1893

22nd — 1923–25
Harry S. New
BUTLER 1877

23rd — 1925–27
Roy T. Osborn
KANSAS 1897

24th — 1927–29
Herbert C. Arms
ILLINOIS 1895

25th — 1929–31
Archibald P. Thomson
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1897

26th — 1931–33
Dr. Daniel Laurence
CINCINNATI 1894

27th — 1933–35
Hamilton Douglas
VANDERBILT 1908

28th — 1935–37
Ralph F. Potter
ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1890

29th — 1937–39
L. G. Balfour
INDIANA 1907

30th — 1939–41
Dr. Frederick Scheuch
PURDUE 1893

31st — 1941–43
Dr. William B. Ricks
NORTH CAROLINA-CHAPEL HILL 1894

32nd — 1943–45
Benjamin S. Fisher
ILLINOIS 1913

33rd — 1945–46
Charles F. Hough
ILLINOIS 1915

34th — 1946–48
Patrick J. Hurley
GEORGE WASHINGTON 1913

35th — 1948–49
Sam C. Bullock
OREGON 1918

36th — 1949–52
John Neal Campbell
VANDERBILT 1914

37th — 1952–55
Hon. Stan N. Barnes
CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY 1922

38th — 1955–57
Pete Peterson
INDIANA 1919

39th — 1957–59
Edward S. Farrow
MIT 1920

40th — 1959–61
Richard S. Doyle
GEORGE WASHINGTON 1917

41st — 1961–63
William P. Huffman
DENISON 1911

42nd — 1963–65
Harry V. Wade Sr.
WABASH AND CORNELL 1926

43rd — 1965–67
Hon. Bo B. Turner
GEORGE WASHINGTON 1922

44th — 1967–69
Floyd R. Baker
NEBRASKA 1937

45th — 1969–71
Norman C. Brewer Jr.
MISSISSIPPI 1935

46th — 1971–73
John W. Graham, Q.C.
TORONTO-RYERSON 1933

47th — 1973–75
Craig Nason Jr.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1926

48th — 1975–77
Dr. Chuck M. Thatcher
MICHIGAN 1943

49th — 1977–79
Jim F. Bash
BUTLER and INDIANA 1946

50th — 1979–81
Jack McDuff
ARIZONA 1951

51st — 1981–83
Dr. George H. Jones Jr.
LOUISIANA STATE 1942

52nd — June–August 1983
(Died in Office)
Gardner B. Allen
EMORY 1928

53rd — 1983–85
Dr. Marvin D. 'Swede' Johnson
ARIZONA 1950

54th — 1985–87
Keith B. Sorensen
UTAH AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1962

55th — 1987–89
Tom F. Bell
MISSISSIPPI STATE 1935

56th — 1989–91
Bob E. Joseph
WILLAMETTE 1957

57th — 1991–93
Dr. Joel L. Cunningham
TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA 1965

58th — 1993–95
Murray K. McComas
PENNSYLVANIA 1958

59th — 1995–97
Dick E. Hester
BALL STATE 1977

60th — 1997–99
Douglas A. McWhirter
TORONTO-RYERSON 1958

61st — 1999–2001
Arthur H. "Buddy" Metcalf II
AUBURN 1969

62nd — 2001–03
Doug R. Carlson
MINNESOTA 1973

63rd — 2003–05
Lee A. Beauchamp
TEXAS A&M-COLLEGE STATION 1975

64th — 2005–07
Keith Krach
PURDUE 1979

65th — 2007–09
Robert H.W. Jones III
RENSSELAER 1973

66th — 2009–11
L. Wayne Tucker Jr.
BAYLOR 1985

67th — 2011–13
Dennis R. Santoli,
CASE WESTERN RESERVE 1967

68th — 2013–15
Michael A. Greenberg,
ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1982

69th — 2015–17
Michael A. Ursillo,
BROWN 1978

70th — 2017–19
W. Thomas Geddings Jr.,
SOUTH CAROLINA 1985

71st — 2019–21
Steven G. Schuyler,
ARIZONA 1979

72nd — 2021–23
Tim Sanderson
WESTERN ONTARIO 1985

Tim Sanderson,
Past Grand Consul

Ryan M. Temby
Grand Pro Consul

Dan A. Shaver
Grand Quaestor

James A. Holcomb
Grand Tribune

Michael Codina
Grand Historian

GRAND PRO CONSUL — RYAN M. TEMBY – RUTGERS 1990

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

GRAND QUAESTOR — DAN A. SHAVER, – TEXAS TECH 1993

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

GRAND TRIBUNE — JAMES A. HOLCOMB – CAL. STATE-SACRAMENTO 1994

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

GRAND HISTORIAN — MICHAEL CODINA – CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO 1993

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

UNDERGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Of the twelve members of the Executive Committee, ten are alumni and two are undergraduate members. Prior to 1993, it was perceived that the two most recent International Balfour Award winners represented the undergraduate voice on the Executive Committee. The 1993 Grand Chapter in Toronto considered proposals to provide direct undergraduate representation on the Executive Committee. The proposals passed, and in the undergraduate caucus that year the first two undergraduate representatives to the Executive Committee were elected. Their terms were one year, 1993 to 1994.

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

The undergraduate representatives, like the other members of the Executive Committee, are charged with overseeing the business and affairs of the Fraternity. Additionally, they are responsible for offering an undergraduate perspective and influence in all Executive Committee discussions and decisions.

In an effort to encourage undergraduate participation and perspective in all aspects of the Fraternity the Grand Consul also appoints undergraduate members to each of the General Fraternity's committees to offer their insights and opinions.

GRAND PRAETORS

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

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

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

The Grand Praetors are known collectively as the "Praetorial College." At each meeting of the Grand Chapter, they elect a chairman who is known as the Dean of the Praetorial College. The current Dean of the College is James Heffner, **WESTERN CONNECTICUT 2013**.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

The mission of the Board of Grand Trustees is to assist house corporations in the acquisition, construction, renovation and maintenance of chapter houses that are appropriate residences for our brothers and worthy of the reputation of Sigma Chi. Grand Trustees are senior elected volunteer officers who serve terms of four years. There are 18 Grand Trustees, nine of whom are elected at each Grand Chapter.

The Board holds a mandate to oversee chapter housing-related programs and to consult with house corporations and others who hold property for the benefit of undergraduate chapters. They serve as the Fraternity's think tank and make periodic recommendations to the Executive Committee, and provide solutions to such areas of concern as liability coverage and mortgage financing through the development of the Risk Management Foundation and Constantine Housing Initiative.

Individual Grand Trustees deliver assistance directly to house corporations and host an annual House Corporation Officers Training Seminar (HCOTS). The Grand Trustees also serve by consulting in-house operations, risk management and corporate governance, and serve as resources in areas related to their specific expertise (law, fundraising, construction, etc.); represent the International Fraternity at events such as chapter house dedications, chapter installations and alumni functions; promote the interests of Sigma Chi within university communities and the public at-large; and are members of the Grand Council.

Asher J. Kalef,
CAL. STATE-SAN BERNARDINO 2011
Grand Praetor Representative

Stephen R. Kotz, ROCHESTER 1981
Grand Praetor Representative

Kelly Park,
TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE 1988
Grand Trustee Representative

Andrew Crossan,
WESTERN ILLINOIS 1995
Alumnus-At-Large Representative

Chapter 3

Active chapters are the backbone of Sigma Chi.

Sigma Chi undergraduate and alumni chapters are governed based on our Constitution and Statutes, as created and at times amended by the Grand Chapter, which is the supreme legislative body of the Fraternity. The ideals of the Fraternity Ritual serve as an influential guide in its direction and standing. The Ritual, as well as regulations of the Executive Committee, are also major parts of Sigma Chi's Governing Laws. The Fraternity's chapters are self-governing, and they elect Grand Officers to direct General Fraternity business.

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

The Undergraduate Chapter

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

Chapters are organized into provinces lead by an alumnus called a Grand Praetor. Active chapters make nominations for their province's Grand Praetor, and vote, along with alumni chapters, on all petitions submitted for granting new active chapter charters. The undergraduate chapters are the only ones empowered to vote on amendments to the Ritual.

Chapter Officers

Active undergraduate chapters are led and managed by a team of undergraduate officers elected from the members of their chapter for a specified term of office. These officers include the following:

CONSUL (KON-SUHL)

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

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

The Consul maintains current knowledge of all chapter activities, and follows up on all operations and programs through appropriate officers. He is required to attend the virtual semi-annual Officer Training Academy.

SIGMA CHI STATS

Currently, Sigma Chi is composed of more than 15,000 undergraduates, 231 undergraduate chapters, 258,000 living alumni members and 123 alumni groups, including alumni clubs, associations and chapters.

A listing of all active undergraduate chapters can be found in the Appendix on page 226.

PRO CONSUL (PRO KON-SUHL)

The Pro Consul serves as Vice President or Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the chapter, and he works closely with the Consul in carrying out chapter operations. He is chairman of the chapter's executive committee and oversees the Judicial Committee.

The Pro Consul must be prepared to assume the duties of the Consul, should he be absent or unable to serve, and he must carry out other duties as the Consul requests. He is required to attend the virtual semi-annual Officer Training Academy.

ANNOTATOR

The Annotator keeps accurate records, reports and minutes of chapter meetings and transcribes those records into the chapter minute book. He maintains the chapter's bylaws, administrative files and records, including the chapter's permanent record of member data. He also oversees the chapter programs on campus and community service and philanthropy, and he handles chapter public relations and publicity. The Annotator is chairman of all appointed officers. He is required to attend the virtual semi-annual Officer Training Academy.

QUAESTOR (KWEE-STIR)

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

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

The Quaestor is responsible for insuring the awareness and fulfillment of chapter and individual financial obligations throughout the chapter membership. He is required to attend the virtual semi-annual Officer Training Academy.

MAGISTER (MUH-GEE-STIR)

The Magister prepares the pledges for initiation into Sigma Chi. He directs and conducts a chapter Preparation for Brotherhood program that educates the pledges about the ideals of Sigma Chi, and he develops their understanding of the commitment to the Fraternity. The Magister must enforce, along with all members of the chapter, the Fraternity's prohibition of hazing or any activities that are embarrassing, trivial, deceptive, demeaning or contradictory to academic responsibilities or Sigma Chi ideals and policies. He may assist the Kustos/Ritual Chair in post-initiation education, called Ritual for Life. He is required to attend the virtual semi-annual Officer Training Academy.

(Description of Chapter Officers continued on page 74.)

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THE CAL SIG

Sigma Chi Receives Incredible House Makeover

LEAVE A LEGACY AT SIGMA CHI

Give Today at foundation.sigmachi.org

An example of a chapter newsletter from the Alpha Beta chapter at the University of California-Berkeley

Chapter Officers *(continued)*

RECRUITMENT CHAIRMAN

The Recruitment Chairman organizes the chapter's membership recruitment program. He involves the entire chapter in recruitment efforts, coordinates communications with recruits and develops recruitment publications. This chairman ensures that all men who receive recommendations are contacted and invited to events and that all brothers sending recommendations receive notification of the outcome. He is responsible for emphasizing Sigma Chi's academic and financial obligations, providing information to parents and communicating the values of fraternity membership in general, and membership in Sigma Chi in particular. He is required to attend the virtual semi-annual Officer Training Academy.

TRIBUNE

The Tribune coordinates the preparation and mailing of all necessary chapter correspondence. He assists the Consul and other officers in preparing and submitting officer and chapter reports on time. He supplies the Headquarters, Grand Praetor, advisors and university officials with reports of new officers and other information as required. The Tribune is also in charge of the alumni relations program if there is not an alumni relations chairman elected or appointed by the Chapter or Consul.

CHAPTER EDITOR

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

HISTORIAN

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

KUSTOS (ORIGINALLY CUSS-TOSS; PRESENTLY KOOS-TOHS)

The Kustos preserves the privacy of the chapter room and assists with chapter meetings and other specified gatherings. The Kustos is also in charge of preserving all of the chapter's ritualistic paraphernalia. The Kustos (or Ritual Chairman as a substitute) is responsible for facilitating the three courses of the Ritual for Life new initiate program. He is required to attend the virtual semi-annual Officer Training Academy.

RISK MANAGER

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

HOUSE MANAGER

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

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

The Interfraternity Council representative attends all Interfraternity Council (IFC) meetings and communicates information pertaining to the IFC back to the chapter. He may help plan events and programs with other fraternities on campus.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

The public relations chairman is responsible for the design and implementation of an effective public relations program. He helps the chapter maintain a favorable reputation, implements high-quality programs and services, sponsors and participates in public service projects, and generates favorable publicity for the chapter in campus and community media.

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN

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

STEWARD

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

Undergraduate chapter officer elections are held according to each chapter's bylaws. Some officers are elected for one-year terms and others may be for one semester or half a year. One objective is to allow for chapter members to hold several offices during their years as an undergraduate to gain experience in a variety of roles.

OUR CURRENT CHAPTER OFFICERS

Consul

Pro Consul

Annotator

Quaestor

Magister

Recruitment Chairman

Tribune

Chapter Editor

Historian

Kustos

Risk Manager

House Manager

Interfraternity Council Representative

Public Relations Chairman

Scholarship Chairman

Steward

Chapter 3

Aspects of Chapter Life

Scholarship

Chapters are required to promote acceptable member and pledge academic achievement (a cumulative 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale), maintain responsible and complete records of financial operations and current member dues payments, and provide annual budgets and monthly reports to the General Fraternity to be presented at sessions of the Grand Chapter and provincial meetings.

Pledging and Initiating Members

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

To be eligible for initiation, a candidate must be a male student in good academic standing at the institution where the chapter is located; be eligible for initiation under any university or college regulations; have satisfactorily completed the chapter's pledge education program; and have met all of his financial obligations to the chapter and to the General Fraternity. Each chapter must conduct a pledge education program within the guidelines established by the Fraternity in its Governing Laws and Statement of Position Concerning Pledge Training and the Ritual. These regulations prohibit hazing and physical or mental harassment, including any act or conduct that is indecent or that endangers the life or health of any pledge, or interferes with his scholastic work. The Magister, along with all initiates, is responsible for seeing that these guidelines and regulations are adhered to. Active chapters must initiate new members only in the form prescribed by the Ritual, which also establishes criteria for the conduct of chapter meetings and duties of officers. Chapters must promptly report the pledgeship and proposed initiation of each man to the General Fraternity, the Chapter Advisor and Grand Praetor.

Sigma Chi prohibits hazing, harassment, and any act that is indecent or endangers the life, health, or scholastic work of any pledge.

Financial Responsibility

The health of a chapter depends heavily on the financial responsibility of its officers and members. Every member, including pledges, should know the scope and magnitude of the chapter's financial operations, as well as the importance of promptly fulfilling his own financial obligations to the chapter. Under the guidance of the Quaestor, the chapter must also discharge its financial obligations promptly to safeguard both its own reputation and the Fraternity's. Chapters must maintain responsible and complete records of financial operations and current member dues payments, and provide annual budgets and monthly reports to the General Fraternity.

Alcohol Use and Illegal Drugs

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

It is the obligation of all Sigma Chis to realize this, and to effectively deal with the real and potential problems that arise when alcohol use becomes alcohol abuse. It is also the obligation of all chapters to serve alcohol only through a 3rd-party vendor and only to individuals of legal age, not only because it is illegal to do otherwise, but also because doing so promotes the responsible use of alcohol.

Similarly, all illegal drugs can and do cause problems for chapters and individuals. Sigma Chi chapters and their individual members in all Fraternity-related or -sponsored activities must operate in compliance with all applicable federal, state, provincial and local laws relating to alcohol and drugs, and must conform to all regulations, codes of conduct, standards or policies that are or may be established by our host colleges and universities. Clearly recognizing that brotherhood in Sigma Chi entails expectations of gentlemanly conduct and personal responsibility broader than basic compliance with laws and regulations, and that risk to the health and safety of members, guests and communities must be minimized, further measures are necessary and appropriate. The Fraternity's position regarding these substances is simple: the possession, use or sale of illegal drugs is prohibited. As with alcohol, it is the obligation of all Sigma Chis to recognize and deal with these issues should they arise. For further information, chapters should reference: sigmachi.org/policies.

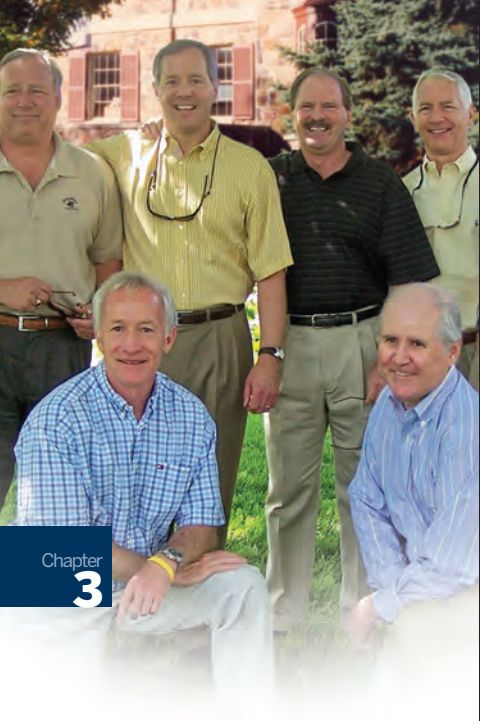
It is the obligation of all Sigma Chis to recognize and deal with drug or alcohol issues should they arise.

Public Relations

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

Alumni Relations

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



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Alumni Involvement

Membership in Sigma Chi is a lifelong commitment — it extends well beyond one's years as an undergraduate. A brother of Sigma Chi is one who was initiated while in college (except in certain new chapter installations where the initiation of alumni members of the local group is authorized or through the non-student initiate program).

An alumnus is ordinarily one who is no longer in college, and most often one who has received his undergraduate degree. While the undergraduate chapters and their members are the lifeblood of the Fraternity, there are many important roles an alumnus can play to continue his fraternal experience and to contribute to the Fraternity immediately upon graduation.

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

The alumnus who volunteers his time and efforts makes our Fraternity work, and his experience allows members to face all complex challenges.

Alumni involvement provides a way of renewing and maintaining ties to the high ideals that bind all Sigma Chis through the Ritual.

The Alumni Chapter

An alumnus may participate in and contribute to Sigma Chi in many ways. One option is joining an alumni chapter/association/club or he can organize one if no group already exists where he is living by contacting the alumni services department at Sigma Chi Headquarters at alumni@sigmachi.org.

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

The main goal for an alumni chapter/association/club is to give the alumni a way to stay involved after their undergraduate years. The ideal chapter will host the right amount of social activities, give support for the local undergraduate chapter and host family events and some philanthropic events as well. The first alumni chapter was established in Indianapolis, then called the Alpha alumni chapter, in 1872.

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

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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

THE ALUMNI CLUB

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

Alumni Chapter Volunteers

Perhaps the most valuable service the Fraternity offers to undergraduate chapters is the alumni support system, which is composed of the Grand Praetors, chapter advisor, chapter mentors, house corporation, the local alumni chapter, members of the Headquarters staff, program facilitators, the Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop faculty, the Grand Officers and a myriad of other volunteers.

Alumni brothers may also serve in a volunteer role as an alumni chapter officer, facilitator, or within undergraduate chapters as a chapter advisor, chapter mentor, faculty or financial advisor, or house corporation officer. He can assist an active chapter in recruitment and pledge programs, initiations, career counseling, alumni communications and financial support.

This ensures that every Sigma Chi chapter realizes its full potential. Local alumni are needed to provide a solid foundation of support and consistency for undergraduate officers.

THE CHAPTER ADVISOR

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

THE FACULTY ADVISOR

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

WORDS OF WISDOM

In fall 1994, *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* surveyed several Grand Praetors and chapter advisors who had experience in the Fraternity ranging from four months to 34 years. Most were prompted to join the Fraternity's volunteer ranks by their own undergraduate experience — the desire "to return the distinction and honor" to Sigma Chi.

Northwestern New York Grand Praetor and Order of Constantine Sig Frank McDonald, **KETTERING 1965**, said, "In the case of nearly all the volunteers surveyed, the rewards that have come from their position far outweigh the challenges."

Chapter Advisor Jim Booth, **WILLAMETTE 1964**, felt great pride in seeing his chapter succeed. "Witnessing the turnaround of the Delta Zeta chapter from two straight years on social probation to three straight Peterson Significant Chapter Awards and a Legion of Honor Award was inspirational."

Chapter Advisor and Order of Constantine Sig John Tegtmeyer, **DENISON 1956**, has found it gratifying to "help young men develop into real leaders with realistic expectations for themselves and their peers."

C. Loren Butler, **IDAHO 1963**, former Southern California Grand Praetor and high school biology teacher has seen at least 35 former students pledge Sigma Chi. "Having them become my brothers has been my most rewarding experience," he said.

Sixty-sixth Grand Consul L. Wayne Tucker, **BAYLOR 1985**, former Northern Texas Grand Praetor, enjoyed watching an undergraduate go through recruitment, pledgeship and active membership. "If I can contribute in small ways to help that brother mature and succeed," he said, "I am rewarded."

Chapter 3

ALUMNI OPPORTUNITIES AS A CHAPTER VOLUNTEER

- Grand Praetor
- Chapter Advisor
- Chapter Mentor—Pro Consul
- Financial Advisor—Quaestor
- Pledge Education Advisor—Magister
- Recruitment Advisor—Recruitment Chairman
- Faculty Advisor—Scholarship Chairman
- Alumni Relations Advisor—Tribune/Editor
- Risk Management Advisor—House Corporation Representative
- Others as needed

THE HOUSE CORPORATION

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

Neither the house corporation nor its individual trustees or officers, may serve as advisors, supervisors nor managers of the chapter's activities or operations. Additional information regarding house corporations can be obtained from the Grand Trustee assigned to the province.

CHAPTER MENTORS

Alumni and community support is critical to the long-term success of any Sigma Chi undergraduate chapter. Those chapters with consistent and abundant alumni involvement tend to be among the Fraternity's best.

Each chapter mentor can choose a specific area of interest that would benefit the chapter and/or officer such as a financial advisor, recruitment advisor, public relations advisors, executive committee advisor or Magister advisor. The advantage of this mentoring relationship is that the alumnus can mentor the undergraduate officers using the benefit of his occupational experience.

Other Alumni Opportunities

In addition to these volunteer opportunities, brothers can also serve as a Grand Officer of the Fraternity, as an officer or advisor of the Sigma Chi Foundation, an advisor to the Sigma Chi Leadership Institute, on the faculty of Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop, as a guide at Horizons or as a facilitator within the Sigma Chi Facilitator Academy, which serves the Mission 365 and Values-Based Decision Making programs, all of which have volunteer committee opportunities within them.

Training alumni facilitators.

THE LIFE LOYAL AND ALUMNI MEMBER PROGRAMS

The General Fraternity receives a substantial amount of financial support through the Life Loyal Sig program and other contributions to the Sigma Chi Foundation. These funds are crucial to the continued development of the Fraternity's leadership programs and services, benefiting all members.

Newly initiated Sigma Chi brothers are encouraged to join the fraternity's Life Loyal Sig program. Sigma Chi's Life Loyal program recognizes all who donate to the Sigma Chi Foundation at any giving level. Among the benefits of being Life Loyal is a subscription to *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, a lapel pin identifying your Life Loyal membership and other benefits commensurate with Giving Level selected. Those who choose to become Life Loyal Sigs demonstrate their lifelong commitment to the fraternity with their donations helping to fund the many programs provided to undergraduate and graduate members. Visit SigmaChi.org/LifeLoyal to learn more about the program.

Upon graduation from college, each new alumnus who is not a Life Loyal Sig receives a one-year complimentary membership in the alumni program, which includes a subscription to *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*. At the end of this one year, brothers are contacted by the General Fraternity and encouraged to continue their active alumni status by becoming a Life Loyal Sig.

Alumni can provide financial assistance for Fraternity, Foundation and Leadership Institute programs and scholarships. In return, each active chapter needs to involve and recognize its alumni with an effective alumni relations program that includes mutually enjoyable events as well as a regular alumni newsletter. The active chapter alumni relations program is the responsibility of the Tribune and/or Alumni Relations Chairman, whose duties are detailed earlier in this chapter.

NON-STUDENT INITIATE

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

The Life Loyal Sig lapel pin, worn exclusively by members of the Life Loyal Program, is shown above.

There are many important roles an alumnus can play to continue his fraternal experience and contribute to the Fraternity.

Undergrad and Alumni Training

To advance the skills and competencies of the Fraternity's undergraduate chapter officers and volunteer facilitators, the Fraternity and Sigma Chi Leadership Institute developed a robust training strategy to enhance the Sigma Chi experience — ***Officer Training Academy*** for undergraduates and the ***Facilitator Academy*** for alumni volunteers.

Officer Training Academy

Officer Training Academy (OTA) is the Sigma Chi Fraternity's five-day virtual conference that educates Sigma Chi chapter undergraduate officers on the roles and responsibilities of seven chapter positions: Consul, Pro Consul, Magister, Quaestor, Recruitment Chairman, Risk Manager and Kustos/Ritual Chairman. This education will include online learning related to their officer roles on the learning management system, and synchronous learning on Zoom meetings with certified Officer Training facilitators within the Fraternity's volunteer ranks.

The officer education provided by OTA is critical to the success of the chapters and associate chapters within the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Out of necessity, the OTA was created as a virtual training mechanism when in-person learning was suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Subsequently OTA was recognized as an adaptable strategy and a timely solution for educating Sigma Chi's undergraduate officers twice a year rather than in a single, catch-all in-person Workshop offered only one weekend in the summer. In the past, many officers attending the in-person summer Workshop had already been serving in their office for months before receiving Fraternity training for their position. Moving forward, OTA will be hosted bi-annually — once in January and once in the summer — in order to educate officers before the fall and spring semesters, while also supporting officer transitions with on-demand education to ready Sigma Chi members for their responsibilities as close to their election as possible.

Facilitator Academy

Sigma Chi International Fraternity is developing a Facilitator Academy to teach and certify Sigma Chi volunteers to deliver consistent, high-quality program facilitation and curriculum to all Sigma Chi members.

The Facilitator Academy will:

- Ensure chapter-based curriculum is presented and facilitated consistently and effectively;
- Share and enforce best presentation and facilitation practices;
- Broaden and retain the alumni facilitator pool with the goal of engaging individuals' experience and expertise;
- Establish a consistent way to select, teach, and ensure the highest quality of facilitator preparation; and
- Develop an ongoing evaluation process of facilitators in order to ensure the highest quality of programming.

There are currently four facilitation tiers within Facilitator Academy — Master Facilitator, Facilitator, Assistant Facilitator and Associate Facilitator.

Associate Facilitator will be of particular interest to graduating seniors in our chapters as it will serve as a transition for engaged undergraduate leaders to alumni engagement and facilitation. It will be composed of brothers who have:

- Served as an officer within their chapter;
- Graduated from the Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit
- Served as a former undergraduate international volunteer;
- Served as a past IBA winner and finalist, or;
- Demonstrated interest as a new alumnus and have completed application screening. If you are interested in applying, email your resume to info@scli.org.

Risk Management Foundation

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

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

Further information about RMF can be found at rmfeducation.org.

Sigma Chi Leadership Institute

Sigma Chi Leadership Institute (SCLI) is a 501c(3) organization and the educational institution of the Sigma Chi International Fraternity. SCLI develops and deploys educational and leadership programming to 240-plus Sigma Chi chapters and associate chapters across North America, covering more than 15,000 undergraduate members and 258,000 living alumni members.. SCLI's mission aligns with Sigma Chi's Fraternity charge to develop and educate values-based transformational leaders who are committed to the betterment of character and community.

The Sigma Chi organization has a successful history of providing educational leadership courses to its members by the MSA-CESS accredited SCLI, which was founded in 2007 to be the home of Sigma Chi's in-house developed educational leadership courses. In 2018, Sigma Chi acquired Footprints Training & Consulting, expanding curriculum resources substantially. Following this acquisition, Sigma Chi realigned SCLI into its own entity, under the umbrella of the organization, appointing an Executive Director, a Chairman, and a Board of Directors.

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SIGMA CHI LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

ON THE CUTTING EDGE

On July 15, 2022, Sigma Chi Leadership Institute received news of a major milestone in Greek-letter leadership development. On this date, it became the first Greek-affiliated organization to earn accreditation, unlocking another layer of credibility to every program that Sigma Chi brothers experience. SCLI is accredited by the Middle States Association-Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools, which is recognized by the US Department of Education.

Sigma Chi International Headquarters in Evanston, Ill.

Headquarters Staff and Services

The General Fraternity's Headquarters is located at 1714 Hinman Avenue in Evanston, Ill., a northern suburb of Chicago. The building is owned by the Sigma Chi Foundation and is the headquarters for its operations, as well as the operations of the Sigma Chi Leadership Institute. It also houses the Chuck and Kim Watson Museum, three conference rooms, and staff offices. It is open to members, pledge brothers and their friends and families during business hours, or at other times by arrangement.

The current building was completed and dedicated in 1966. In spring 1980, a new wing of the building was completed and dedicated; the building was last renovated in 1994. In April 2016, the building was re-dedicated for its 50th anniversary celebration along with the Watson Museum.

The Fraternity employs a full- and part-time paid staff to plan and administer the programs, services and publications of Sigma Chi, to assist in implementing the actions and policies of the Fraternity, and to conduct programs of service and assistance to active and alumni chapters and members. They work for and with the chapters and members through the Grand Officers and directly under the guidance of the Executive Director.

The Executive Director

Mike Church, **ILLINOIS 2005**

Sigma Chi Executive Director Mike Church, ILLINOIS 2005

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

More Headquarters Services

- Information and program ideas to chapters and members through correspondence.
- Review of chapter budgets and reports of financial operations, as well as furnishing financial management materials.
- Providing information, supplies and follow-up to Grand Officers, Grand Praetors and committees used in the exercise of their duties and visitations.
- Planning and arrangements for meetings of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop, installation and pre-initiation programs for new chapters being chartered, and province meetings.
- Administration and implementation of the operations and programs of the Sigma Chi Foundation.
- Maintenance of initiation and membership records, addresses, dues payments and chapter reports, and furnishing of computerized address mailing lists to undergraduate and alumni chapters upon request.
- Administration of applications and grants of loans or guarantees to active chapter house corporations for house building/remodeling purposes and assistance in obtaining housing insurance proposals.
- Liaison between chapters and officials of colleges, universities, interfraternity associations and other fraternities.
- Coordination of General Fraternity public relations efforts, and preparation and distribution of news-information publicity materials and audio-visual presentations for use by chapters.
- Administration and consultation on all Fraternity/Foundation awards.
- Assistance, newsletters, manuals and supplies for alumni chapters and associations.
- Delivery of Fraternity education and leadership programs as outlined in The Sigma Chi Transformational Leader Program.
- Implementation, tracking and enhancement of Preparation for Brotherhood pledge education program and Ritual for Life new member education program.
- Delivery, administration and development of the Sigma Chi Online learning management system platform.
- Support of the Fraternity's Governing Laws.

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SIGMA CHI HEADQUARTERS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

1935–1950: At 35 E. Wacker, Downtown Chicago...

1950–1965: 2603 Sheridan Drive, Evanston, Ill., and ...

1966–Present: 1714 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ill.

The Transformational Leader Program

The Transformational Leader Program is Sigma Chi Fraternity's overarching leadership development program for all its undergraduate and alumni members. The Transformational Leader program is the ONLY accredited Greek-letter leadership-development program.

The Transformational Leader program incentivizes the fraternal leadership experience like no other — allowing Sigma Chi members to someday earn a transcript, digital badges and potential transferable credits just for being a Sigma Chi and engaging with the program and its leadership courses and credentials.

The Transformational Leader program is not meant to be a label to be achieved or a degree of membership to be reached. It is built for continuous self-improvement no matter where you sit in your life. It is meant for you to be a better leader, regardless of title. It is meant to make you a better friend, brother, officer, and leader through the real-life application of Sigma Chi's seven values throughout the course of your life, not just four years of college. Finally, it is meant to be a journey of your own making

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

— John F. Kennedy

— on your time, and completely free to our undergraduates as a member benefit. Sigma Chis make a lifelong commitment in their Oath — the Fraternity now can offer a personal development program that spans the lifetime of its members.

The Transformational Leader must first learn to manage self before being able to lead others and cultivate action within their community or campus — and the enhancement of these leadership components are ongoing. Being a Transformational Leader is not simply a destination — it's a practical application of these concepts every day.

This program aims to equip Sigma Chis with the needed skills and competencies to transform their careers and their chapters through enrollment in Sigma Chi Leadership Institute, the Fraternity's learning service provider that's in accreditation candidacy. Each certificate contains the 12 leadership competencies — *Versatility, Resilience, Values-Based Decision Making, Leveraging Differences, Mentorship, Effective Communication, Innovation, Strategic Thinking, Problem Solving, Change Management, Collaboration, People Management* — that make up the Transformational Leadership philosophy:

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> ...the practice by which **LEADERS** *inspire* and *empower* **OTHERS** to ***INNOVATE AND CREATE CHANGE*** that will *positively impact* the Fraternity and *ultimately* the **WORLD**.

> "The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be ignited."
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> **— Plutarch, Biographer, Essayist (46–120)**

Wisdom

DEFINING WISDOM

Seeking knowledge, understanding what is learned and then applying these lessons to life's situations and circumstances.

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Application Suggestions — Journal

Use the following application suggestions, readings and thought questions to deepen your learning during Course 2 of Preparation for Brotherhood. Journal your thoughts and the results of your actions in this section. Be prepared to discuss your learning insights with your Big Brother and your pledge brothers at the next P4B Group Session.

Application Suggestions:

- Name at least one person who has inspired **you** about the power of lifelong learning. Describe how their curiosity/love for wisdom and learning has impacted you.
- What two to three areas do you aspire to learn more about **right now**? Describe why you feel this is important.
- Identify one chapter leadership position you aspire to pursue. What will you need to learn/do to prepare for success in this position? What gifts and talents do you possess that make you a good candidate for this position? Find out who currently holds this position and have a discussion with them this week about their preparation process. Record your notes from this conversation in this journal.
- This year, what steps will you take to increase your GPA? Find out the ways in which Sigma Chi can/will support you.
- Find a quote on wisdom you would like to share with your pledge brothers. Record it on page 93.

ConnΣXtion

This week, make three to five new ConnΣXtions with active chapter brothers from the roster given to you by your Magister.

- We suggest talking to:
  - ✓ *the officer who currently holds the office to which you aspire,*
  - ✓ *a brother that is in the same field of study as you.*
- Ask them:
  - ✓ *What do the values of Courage and Wisdom mean to you?*
  - ✓ *What is the most important piece of wisdom you have gained throughout your life?*
  - ✓ *What do you intentionally do to keep learning?*
- If possible, meet your chapter advisor.

“Wisdom begins in wonder.”

— Socrates, Philosopher (469–399 BC)

THOUGHT QUESTIONS

Where have you invested your time wisely?

How effectively do you use your time each day?

In what areas of your life do you commit to spending more time in order to grow to your fullest potential?

If I Were Twenty-One

Our grandson has just turned 21 years old. So this seems like a good time to look back almost half a century to when I was a 21-year-old and contemplate what I would have done then, if I had known what I know now.

If I were twenty-one, here are some of the things I would do:

- I would aim high. The sooner we decide we are going somewhere, the faster we will arrive. Not failure, but a low aim is a sin.
- I would prepare myself. Lincoln said, *"I will study and get ready and maybe my chance will come."*
- I would learn to be a creative thinker. There are so few of them! Creative ideas change the world.
- I would have reverence for life. *"The good man,"* said Schweitzer, *"is the friend of all living things."*
- I would learn how to use time. Those who learn the value of minutes can put their best into life and get the most out of it.
- I would read the lives of great men and women and put their wisdom to work in my life.
- I would build up my energy reserve. I would guard my health.
- I would learn to concentrate on the task before me. Intense concentration is the secret of getting things done.
- I would lead a balanced life with time for work, play, love and worship.
- I would keep in tune with the Infinite, opening my life to the higher powers of mind and spirit.

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> It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer.

— Albert Einstein, Physicist (1879–1955)

“Don’t wish it was easier, wish you were better.

Don’t wish for less problems, wish for more skills.

Don’t wish for less challenges, wish for more wisdom.”

— Jim Rohn, Author, Speaker (1930–2009)

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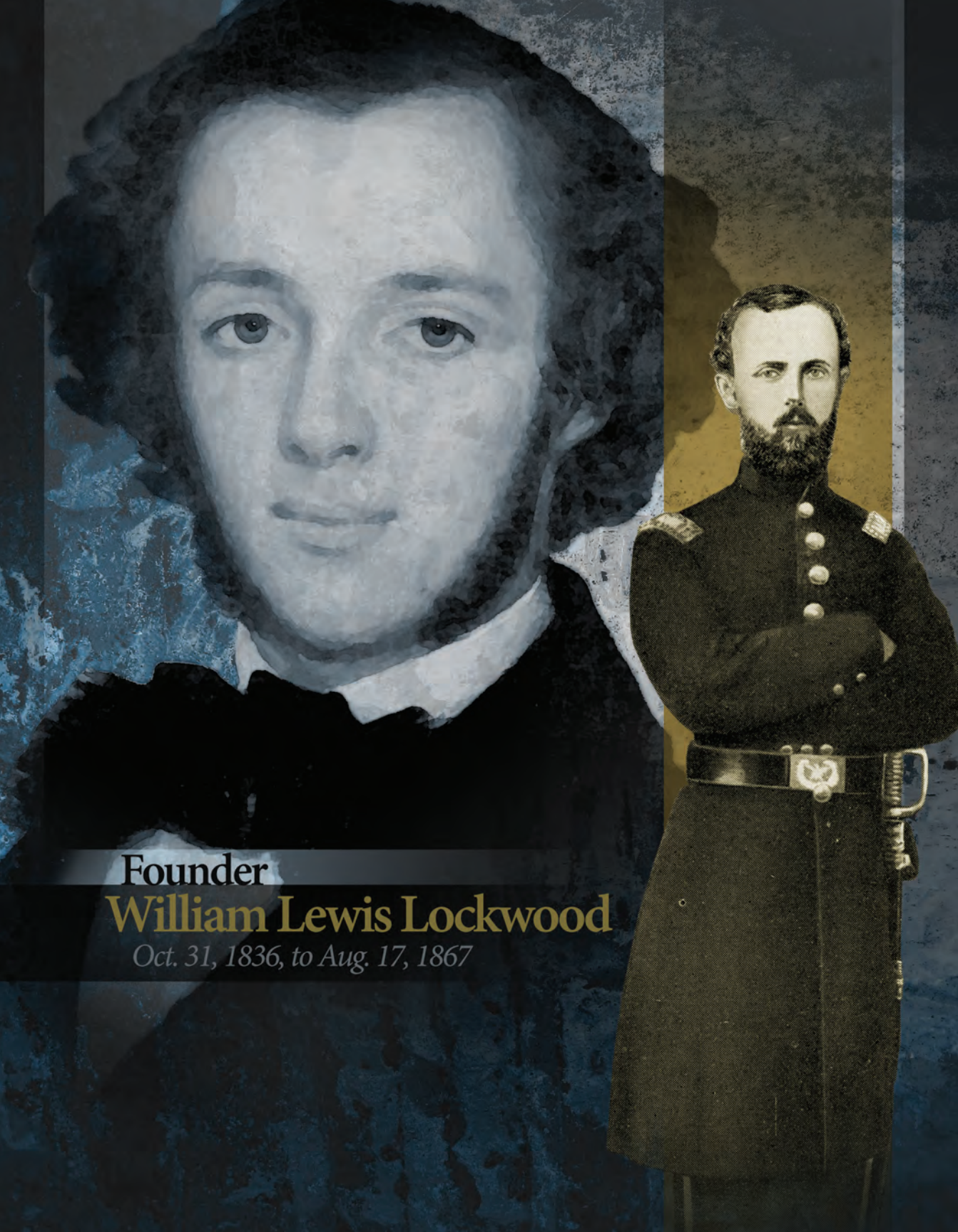
YOUR FAVORITE

In the space below, record your favorite quote about ***wisdom*** — one that resonates with your own personal feelings.



Founder

William Lewis Lockwood

Oct. 31, 1836, to Aug. 17, 1867

INTEGRITY

William Lewis Lockwood

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Lockwood & *Integrity*

ABOUT THIS CHAPTER:

This chapter is designed to:

- Review the life and legacy of Founder Lockwood,
- Define the meaning of Integrity and describe how Lockwood applied this value to his life,
- Explain the development and the meaning of The Creed,
- Describe Sigma Chi's commitment to Philanthropy, Community Service and the Huntsman Cancer Institute,
- Explain Sigma Chi's Model of Values-based Leadership,
- Discuss the Mission/Vision of the Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit and outline the selection process for acceptance into the program,
- Provide suggestions about applying the principle of integrity to your life and journaling space to document your insights and learning.

You will find more information about all of the above topic areas on Sigma Chi Online, Preparation for Brotherhood, Course 2.

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Lockwood, left, during his college days.

Introduction

Integrity

The single most important value you could ever develop is integrity. By making a commitment to a life of integrity, you will be doing more to ensure your success and happiness than any other choice you will ever make. As you act with integrity, every part of your life will improve. You will attract the best people and situations into your life. Your career will flourish.

Defining Integrity

Being truthful, just and having a high sense of honor in all areas of life, regardless of the presence or absence of others.

Integrity is a choice we make... and it's a choice we must keep making over and over every day of our lives. People with high integrity realize that everything they do is a statement about who they are as a person. Even the smallest action can have an impact on our reputation. Daily, we arrive at decision crossroads. The choices we make define who we are and what we believe in. We must choose between doing the easy thing, or doing the right thing. Men of integrity seek to be true to the very best that is in them.

Integrity, along with honesty, are non-negotiable leadership qualities. They are the hallmark of ethical leadership. Companies, clients, stakeholders, churches, communities and families want leaders that they can trust, and when we demonstrate integrity, we build trust and respect. When trust develops, people feel safe in your presence, and your influence grows. People should be able to visibly see your integrity through your actions, words, decisions, methods and outcomes.

We attribute integrity with Founder Lockwood's name. In 1857, he stated the following to the Eta Chapter,

> "When you first put on the 'dear old cross' you will create quite a sensation. In whatever part of the United States you may go, you will find no handsomer pins, and I trust and hope that those emblems of purity will be indices of the purity and nobleness of the hearts beneath them. We should endeavor so to raise ourselves that to say of a man, 'He is a Sigma Chi' shall be synonymous with, 'He is a liberally educated, highhanded, pure and noble man.' Such are some of the objects of our Society. The world is in great need of just such men and let all who go out from our chapters be such men."

William Lewis Lockwood

Founder William Lewis Lockwood, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1858**, the only one of the seven Founders who was not a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, was born in New York City and was 18 years old at the time of the founding of Sigma Chi. He is best remembered as the businessman or organizer of the group, and for bringing the element of cultural refinement. His organizational skills were largely responsible for the survival of the young Fraternity.

Of him, Founder Runkle recalled, "He was different from each of the others. The difference was hereditary and was sharpened by environment.

He was cultured and had been partly educated in the East. He was a slender, fair-haired youth with polished manners, and was always dressed in the best of taste. ... He was refined in his tastes. He knew something about art and some understanding of the fitness of things genteel. We welcomed him into our circle. He could bring to our ambitious little band some things, mentally and spiritually, that were sorely needed. He came to us, brought us all he had, and divided even his wardrobe, which seemed to be unlimited. Lockwood knew, instinctively, the value and power of money. He was treasurer and managed the business of the Fraternity. He furnished the business spirit to the little band, and without it we must utterly have failed. He shared our love while living, and tender memories follow him to the brighter world."

After graduation, Lockwood returned to New York and studied law. He was admitted to the bar in 1860 and formed a law partnership with a friend. The outbreak of the Civil War found the two recruiting a company of volunteers among their friends. In this company, Lockwood became first lieutenant and later captain. He frequently used his own resources to provide for men who were sick and in need, a trait later recognized by the men in presenting to him a Tiffany Sword. During the furious assault on Fort Wagner (S.C.) on July 18, 1863, he received a serious shoulder wound and never fully recovered. He was honorably discharged in 1864 due to disabilities stemming from this wound.

He returned to Usquepaugh, R.I., with his wife and son Frank, who was named in honor of Founder Franklin Howard Scobey, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1858**. Unable to practice law because of his poor health, he bought the local woolen mills and formed the firm of Lockwood, Alpin and Company. In 1867, he became the first of the Founders to enter the Chapter Eternal and was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York.

Founder Facts
William Lewis Lockwood

Oct. 31, 1836, to Aug. 17, 1867

ACADEMICS

A.B., Miami University, 1858

PROFESSIONAL

Admitted to the bar, 1860 • Manufacturing, 1864

MILITARY

Company H, 48th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, U.S. Army • First Lieutenant, 1861 • Captain, 1861 • A.A.G., Second Division, Tenth Army Corps, U.S. Army, 1864

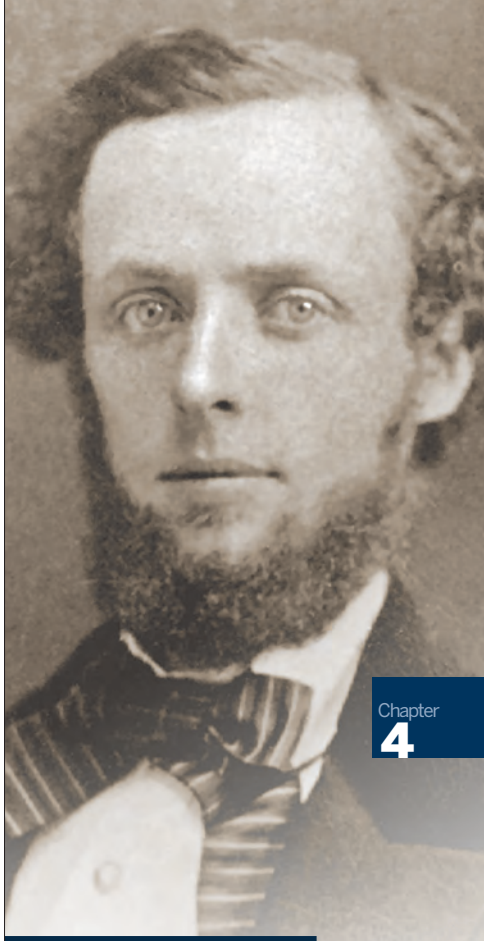
FRATERNITY

Businessman of the group and/or Treasurer, Designer of the Badge

MEMORIAL

Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

For more information about William Lewis Lockwood please visit the Sigma Chi Historical Initiative's website at sigmachi.org/history.



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Lockwood is best remembered as a businessman and organizer, and for bringing the element of cultural refinement.

THOUGHT QUESTIONS:

How does integrity fit with fairness, decency and good manners?

Why is it important to retain the spirit of youth?

Is the chapter membership more honored, beloved and honestly respected because of their actions?

Are you and each member of the chapter a credit to our Fraternity? How so?

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The Sigma Chi Creed

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

The Sigma Chi Creed was written by George Ade, **PURDUE 1887**. George was the second youngest of seven children raised by John and Adaline (Bush) Ade. An 1887 graduate of Purdue University, Ade worked as a reporter for the *Lafayette Call* and also wrote testimonials for a patent medicine company's tobacco-habit cure. Financially secure through his writings, Ade traveled frequently throughout the world and contributed to his two favorite charities — Sigma Chi Fraternity and Purdue University. Along with fellow Purdue alumnus David Ross, Ade offered financial support to enable the university to build a new football stadium, which the college named Ross-Ade Stadium in their honor.

In *The Centennial History of the Sigma Chi Fraternity: 1855–1955*, 17th Grand Historian Robert M. Collett, **DENISON 1914**, wrote that a long-felt need was fulfilled with the adoption in 1929 of *The Sigma Chi Creed*, written by "that prince of Fraternity men", George Ade.

Collett said that no better man could have been chosen to write it and no more simple and concise creed could have been written. In exactly 95 words, Brother Ade laid down the formula by which a member of the Fraternity should conduct himself. Master word-technician that he was, Ade gave us a marvelous little gem of literature that will endure as long as Sigma Chi shall last.

In Ade's own words,

> "When I was called upon to write *The Sigma Chi Creed*, I accepted with great reluctance. It didn't seem to me that I had been ordained to tell the other boys what they should and should not do in order to be good Sigs. I began the job with a determination to be candid and avoid hypocrisy. Consequently, our Creed does not pledge any member to orthodox morality of a puritanical variety of private conducts. It seemed to me that the essentials or fundamentals of fraternity brotherhood did not depend upon the outward observances of piety. I tried to write a creed which would not restrain a brother from being a free agent and a lively comrade.
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> This Creed is not conventional and it is not what would have been written by a sermonizer or pulpiteer, but I think it is a fair working program for the kind of man that we are glad to hail as a brother. It does not lay down any pledges that cannot be kept. It is in harmony with religion, but does not impose religious observance or obligations because they are outside the routine of fraternity life. I believe the Creed is one which we can endorse and one which, if lived up to, will keep Sigma Chi in its present honored place among Greek-letter societies."
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> —George Ade, **PURDUE 1887**

George Ade, PURDUE 1887, Author of The Sigma Chi Creed

The Sigma Chi Creed

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

George Ade

— Purdue 1887 —

“Most people want to be known as the person who changed the world. That’s a very dangerous reason to become a leader. People should want to become a leader because they want to sacrifice themselves for the good of others even when they know there is no ROI.”

— Patrick Lencioni, Author

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What We Believe about Leadership

There are thousands of definitions of leadership in today’s contemporary literature. At Sigma Chi, we use the following definition:

> Leadership occurs when an individual ***(self)*** builds collaborative relationships with ***others*** in order to produce ***action or change*** for the good of the ***community***.

Leadership requires a delicate blend of skills...but skill alone is not enough.

We believe that true, enduring leadership occurs not because of the perfection of our skills, but rather, in the demonstration of our character. Skills are important, but not as important as our ability to demonstrate to others through our actions that we are men of character and worthy of their trust. They must believe that all of our actions are guided by our commitment to the values we hold dear. We call this **character in action**. It is more than ***walking the talk***, it is ***behaving the talk***.

The greatest leadership heroes throughout history, such as Lincoln, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Mother Theresa and Ben Franklin, were all values-driven leaders. Every choice, every action was guided by their values.

So, what does it take to be someone who leads with integrity? There are at least four things that values-driven leaders **choose to do as they lead others**.

1. Recognize the impact you have on others. Be conscious of how your behavior, your choices and your words impact those around you. If you ever find yourself behaving in ways that are inconsistent with your values, **stop**, acknowledge the inconsistency, apologize and correct course. This requires humility, authenticity and ‘others-centeredness’ as you begin to understand how closely others are watching you.

2. Be sure that your behavior is consistent regardless of the situation. When people observe you in different situations with your family and friends, do they see consistency in your behavior, actions and words? No matter what environment you are in, they should see your values consistently lived out loud.

3. Actively work on the development of your character. Spend time intentionally reading, getting coaching, listening to the counsel of others, going to leadership development courses and reflecting on how to further develop your character.

4. Enroll others to be on the same journey. As you model values-driven behavior, inspire others to join in the lifelong pursuit of INTEGRITY.

Sigma Chi Leadership Model

The illustration above summarizes the leadership development pathways that will be offered in accredited programming from Sigma Chi Leadership Institute. Notice that each component of Self, Others, Action and Community work in unity with the seven values of the Sigma Chi Fraternity to inspire and empower Transformational Leaders to soar to new heights.

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

—Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

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Significant Sig David Huntsman, **UTAH 1992**, speaks at the 2019 Salt Lake Grand Chapter after the Sigma Chi Fraternity pledged $20 million to Huntsman Cancer Institute in June 2019.

"Wealth isn't always measured in dollar signs. We each have time, talent and creativity, all of which can be powerful forces for positive change. Share your blessings in whatever form they come and to whatever level you have been blessed."

— Jon M. Huntsman Sr.,
PENNSYLVANIA 1959

Sigma Chi's Commitment to Philanthropy

One important way Sigma Chi exemplifies our values is through community service. Sigma Chis are servant leaders at their core and strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives **of others**.

In December 2012, our Fraternity took a momentous step forward and partnered with the Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) as our designated international philanthropy. Since then, every dollar raised for HCI has been dedicated to the fight against cancer.

Sigma Chi made a $10 million pledge to the Huntsman Cancer Foundation — the largest such pledge on record for any men's fraternity. As a result, the sixth floor of the Huntsman Cancer Institute will forever be named the Sigma Chi International Fraternity Sixth Floor. Due to the tremendous support from Sigma Chi chapters and their campus communities, the Fraternity accomplished its pledge in 2019.

The support kept coming at 2019 Salt Lake City Grand Chapter, where the Sigma Chi Fraternity again pledged its unwavering support to the world's premier transformational cancer research institute in Huntsman. The Fraternity announced a supplemental $20 million pledge to support Huntsman Cancer Institute's effort to eradicate the world of cancer.

Huntsman Cancer Institute

Founded by Order of Constantine Sig, Significant Sig and International Balfour Award winner Jon M. Huntsman Sr., **PENNSYLVANIA 1959**, the Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) is dedicated to finding the genetic causes of cancer, developing new and better treatments, and preventing people from ever developing cancer. Fourteen million new cases of cancer are diagnosed worldwide each year, with 8.2 million deaths annually. In an effort to cure this worldwide epidemic, Huntsman founded HCI to focus on understanding cancer from its very beginnings, and to develop this knowledge into safer and more effective methods of treatment. After leading a life committed to helping others, Brother Huntsman entered the Chapter Eternal on Feb. 2, 2018, at the age of 80 years old.

HCI is committed to sharing their research and discoveries openly with cancer centers all over the world. As a result of HCI's philosophy and proven results, HCI was selected as one of the top cancer centers in the country and invited to participate in the President's Blue Ribbon Panel to advise the National Cancer Advisory Board on their quest to find a cure for cancer.

HCI was chosen as Sigma Chi's designated charity because many Sigs and their families have been directly affected by cancer, the second-leading cause of death in the United States and top cause of death in Canada. According to the American Cancer Society, approximately one out every two men will develop the disease at some point in their life; the same is true for one out of every three women.

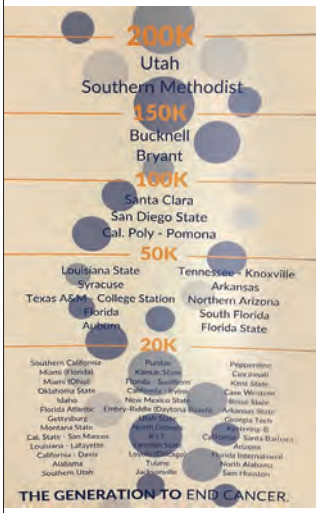
The Derby Challenge

The Jon M. Huntsman Sr. family has donated more than $400 million to cancer-related initiatives since the commencement of HCI in 1995. He now challenges his Sigma Chi brothers to aid in his efforts through the Huntsman Challenge.

The Huntsman Challenge is a fundraising program often linked to chapters' Derby Days philanthropic event, which creates good-natured competition between Sigma Chi chapters, the women's fraternities and sororities on each campus raising funds for research at the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The Challenge expands the traditional, local concept of Derby Days to include an international fundraising arm that allows local and distant supporters to contribute to the philanthropic cause. Sigma Chi chapters and the participating teams on their respective campuses manage their own web pages where they set tangible fundraising goals, collect donations, track progress and send family and friends a secure link through which they can make a donation. The Derby Challenge runs annually, with top performing chapters announced and recognized at the Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop.

Many of our chapters have been very successful in their fundraising efforts for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. As a result, several chapters have raised over $50,000, $100,000, $150,000 and even over $200,000. This is an incredible achievement by our chapters for a worthy cause. All chapters that raise $20,000 or more in a year are invited to Salt Lake City to tour the Huntsman Cancer Institute and are inducted into the Huntsman $20K Club. Personalized brick pavers are placed in the Walk of Hope between the Huntsman Cancer Institute and the Huntsman Cancer Hospital for all chapters raising $1,000 or more. Hundreds of Sigs tour this area every year when they visit while participating in Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit.

For more information, please contact Huntsman Cancer Foundation at (877) 585-0303.



Merlin Olsen Day of Service

The Merlin Olsen Day of Service, held annually on Sept. 15, honors the philanthropic spirit of Order of Constantine Sig, Significant Sig and NFL Hall of Fame member Merlin Olsen, **UTAH STATE 1962**. The Fraternity encourages its members to honor Olsen, a longtime spokesman for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, by volunteering on this day to improve their communities. Suggested activities include donating blood, volunteering at local schools and cleaning up local public parks.

> "Character without action has little meaning in this world. But leadership, acting in accordance with your character, can change the world."
>
> — **Bill George, GEORGIA TECH, 1964, *True North***

Learning Linkages

SIGMA CHI HORIZONS HUNTSMAN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

ENDURING LEADERSHIP COMPELLING ACTION

Chapter 4

Learning Linkages

Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit

In 1995, members of the Sigma Chi Foundation board of governors began exploring the Fraternity's challenges and opportunities. The prevailing thought was to reestablish the core values of character and provide an opportunity for undergraduates to develop skills to deal with the complex and ever-expanding issues of our global society. Their idea was to create a program that encompassed a renaissance in the areas of core values and beliefs.

In 1999, after four years of development, the Fraternity launched Horizons, a six-day leadership program located in Snowbird, Utah. There were 48 participants in that Horizons pilot program. Currently, Horizons has an annual attendance of nearly 250 undergraduates spread across five weeks throughout the summer.

In 2014, through a generous endowment by Order of Constantine Sig and Significant Sig Jon M. Huntsman Sr., **PENNSYLVANIA 1959**, to the Sigma Chi Foundation, the Horizons program became the Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit.

The Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit is a leadership development experience created for qualified undergraduate Sigma Chis with at least two years of academic eligibility remaining. The program is conducted in an ideal setting for outdoor adventure, interactive learning and inspired reflection.

The Huntsman Cancer Foundation and the Sigma Chi Foundation generously fund 100 percent of the Horizons experience through a leadership grant. This includes all travel, housing, food, curriculum, materials and activity costs.

In the summer of 2021, all Huntsman Scholars who graduate the Horizons programs will receive the Enduring Leadership Certificate, an accredited reward that certifies them as accomplished Sigma Chi Leadership Institute students who achieved further progress as Transformational Leaders.

The Vision of Horizons is:

To inspire all Sigma Chi brothers to be enduring and accountable leaders who change the world.

The objectives of the program are to:

- *Provide Sigma Chi undergraduates with the highest level of leadership training in order to positively impact our chapters, host institutions and the world*
- *Expose Sigma Chi undergraduates to character development that helps them realize and explore their core values*
- *Provide a growth experience that will support Sigma Chi brothers throughout their collegiate years and*
- *Provide participants with a mentor that will help them further develop their character.*

Horizons participants tour the Huntsman Cancer Institute during their week in the Snowbird area, to see firsthand how principle-based leaders create positive change in the world.

During the Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit experience, participants develop a deeper understanding of ethical and values-based leadership through discussions and activities designed to address the following:

- *How is leadership directly linked to core principles and character?*
- *How do enduring leaders incorporate high-minded principles into a lifelong practice of leadership?*
- *How can a deep understanding and respect for others' differences unleash the power of high-performance teams?*
- *How critical are carefully developed action plans to accomplishing goals?*
- *How can enduring leaders make meaningful contributions to their communities not only today but into the future?*

Participants are led by a team of carefully chosen Sigma Chi alumni faculty members who have received comprehensive education in guiding the Horizons experience. These facilitators are examples of "principle-based leaders," and share a commitment to self-improvement.

To date, the Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit has educated more than 2,500 participants and more than 150 facilitators.

The Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit pushes some of our most promising undergraduate brothers to think and act differently. The Horizons journey has a demonstrated history of positively changing men's lives, and in so doing, will make a meaningful impact on our Fraternity and the world at large.

For information about applying to become a Horizons participant, go to sigmachi.org/horizons.

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Integrity

DEFINING INTEGRITY

Being truthful, just and having a high sense of honor in all areas of life, regardless of the presence or absence of others.

Journal 4

Application Suggestions — Journal

P4B COURSE 2

Use the following readings, thought questions and application suggestions to deepen your learning during Course 2 of P4B. Journal your thoughts and the results of your actions in this section. Be prepared to discuss your learning insights with your Big Brother and at the next Preparation for Brotherhood Group Session.

- Define integrity in your own words.
- What is your favorite line in the *Sigma Chi Creed*? Explain why.
- Have you ever taken a stand that was unpopular and had to pay the price? What did you do? What was the outcome? How did you feel afterward? What did you learn from the experience?
- What does "compromising your principles" mean? Give an example.
- How far would you compromise your principles in order to get ahead?
- Describe your leadership philosophy. What do you hope you will be remembered for as a leader of men?
- Find a quote on integrity you would like to share with your pledge brothers. (Record it on page 111 of this journal.)

ConnΣXtion

This week, make at least five ConnΣXtions with active chapter brothers. Discuss the following:

- What does it mean to "live with integrity"?
- When have you displayed integrity in your life?
- What drives you to pursue your chosen career?
- Talk about what you try to do every day to demonstrate integrity within your chapter, on campus in your family.

Before the Next Group Session:

- Develop a Personal Creed/Coat of Arms and record them on pages 110 and 111.

> When faith is lost,
> when honor dies,
> the man is dead.

— John Greenleaf Whittier, American Poet (1807–1892)

Journal 4

> Try not to become a man
> of success, but rather try
> to become a man of value.

— Albert Einstein, Physicist (1879–1955)

THOUGHT QUESTIONS

Have you ever encountered similar circumstances to those described in the letter to the right?

If you were one of the brothers in this situation, would you have done anything differently?

A Letter From Mrs. Milton Hall

Sigma Chi Fraternity
2603 Sheridan Road
Evanston, Illinois

Gentlemen:

On the 19th of this month, it will be one year since my son was pledged to Epsilon chapter at George Washington University. On October 1st he died as a result of a malignant brain tumor.

When he entered G.W.U. last year for the spring semester, his father and I had not encouraged him to sign up for rushing. He had three bald patches on his head as the result of intensive X-ray therapy, and the fact that he suffered from double vision gave him a rather vacant staring expression. In spite of the fact that he was basically good-looking and had a strong high school record both in academic and extra-curricular activities, we were afraid that he would be rejected by strangers.

However, he went ahead, chose Sigma Chi and was chosen by them.

This brings me to the premier of my letter. I think the Fraternity Headquarters should be apprised of a chapter which surely lives up to the nobility of purpose and brotherhood of man as exemplified in your laws.

The members made him feel comfortable at once. He entered into all phases of pledge commitment and his life assumed for a short time that feeling of normalcy we all crave.

Two days after he finished his exams he entered the hospital. On May 31st the boys came there and initiated him, placing the pin on his hospital gown. He was very proud and often held the pin in his hand in days to come. Shortly thereafter he slipped into a coma.

I have tried to tell some of the boys the importance of what they did for David and how much it meant to us, his parents, but I always receive the same answer: "Mrs. Hall, it was what Dave did for us that counts." They found his courage an inspiration.

David's father is a member of one of the country's oldest fraternities. He assures me that never was he initiated with the dedication to true values with which these boys at Sigma Chi are inspired. This helped to give one boy the strength to rise about any affliction, even the promise of death.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Milton Hall

Journal 4

Your Creed

"When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a manner that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice."

— Cherokee Proverb

Journal 4

"In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock."

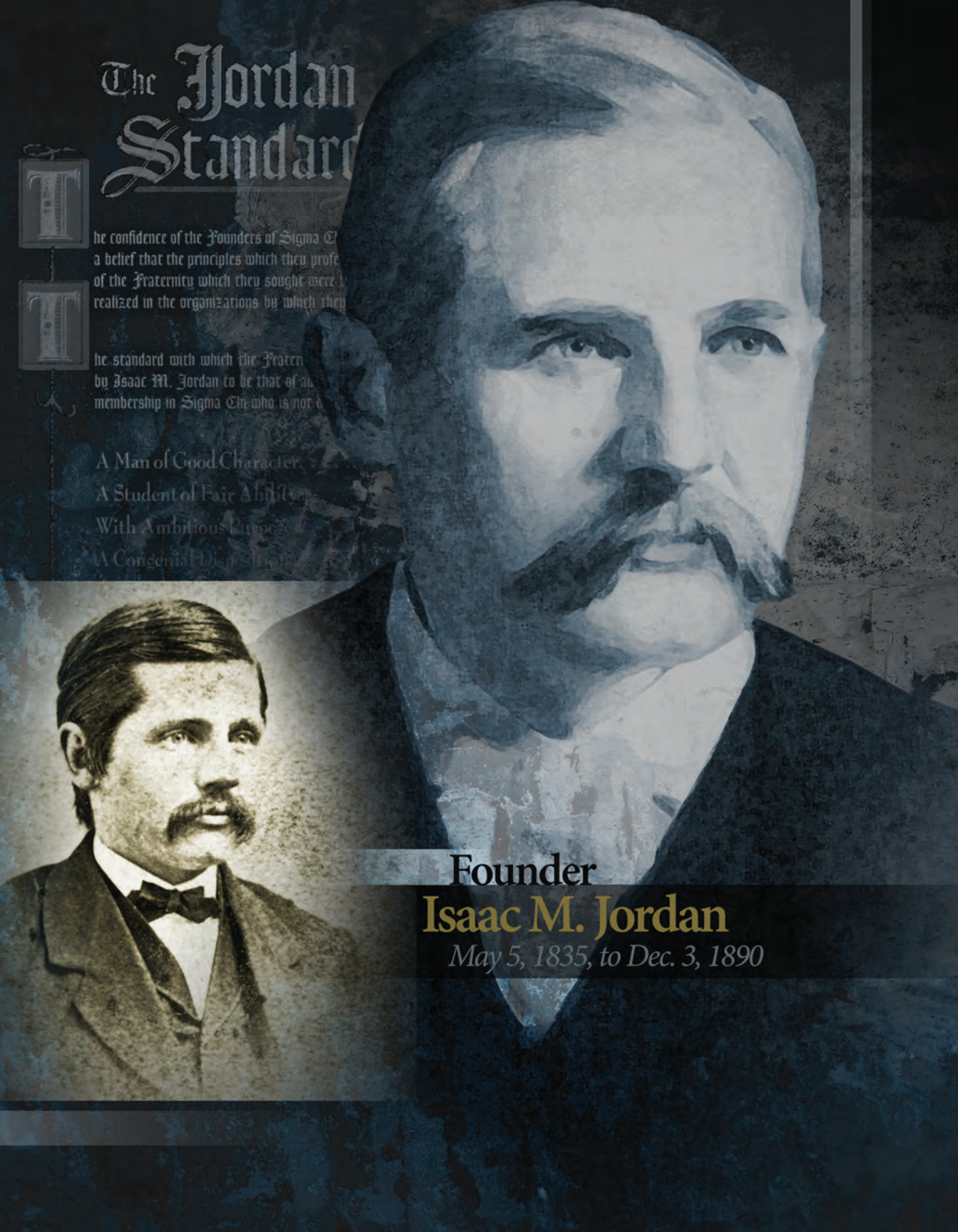
— Thomas Jefferson, American Founding Father (1743–1826)

Your Coat of Arms

Journal 4

YOUR FAVORITE

In the space below, record your favorite quote about ***integrity*** — one that resonates with your own personal feelings.



Founder

Isaac M. Jordan

May 5, 1835, to Dec. 3, 1890

HIGH AMBITION

Jordan & *High Ambition*

Isaac M. Jordan

CHAPTER 5

Introduction

High Ambition

Few leaders become successful by accepting the status quo. Ambition directs leaders to aspire for something better, to reach beyond their grasp.

Defining High Ambition

Exhibiting energy and motivation in every task, every day. Aspiring for something better, and reaching beyond your grasp.

We attribute high ambition with Founder Jordan. This is confirmed by Founder Runkle when he said: "In front of the Davis House — our chapter house, though we did not know it — was a gate five feet in height and solid. Someone told Jordan that he could not jump over it. He said he could, tried it, caught his foot and was nearly killed. Not satisfied, he tried it again and succeeded. This was his character. He was wont to tell me in his working years that the burdens of life weighted heavily upon him. They do upon us all, but he showed no signs of faltering. He did everything with the same tremendous energy that he displayed when, during the siege of Cincinnati, I took him out of the trenches and put him on my staff. He showed that he would have made a splendid soldier, for he had all the qualities of a splendid man."

ABOUT THIS CHAPTER:

This chapter is designed to:

- Discuss the life and legacy of Founder Jordan,
- Define the meaning of High Ambition and describe how Founder Jordan applied this value to his life,
- Describe the Mission/Vision of the Sigma Chi Foundation, how it is funded and the Sigma Chi obligation of giving back,
- Explain the purpose/nomination process for the Significant Sig Award and the Order of Constantine Award,
- Discuss the Mission/Vision of KTLW
- Provide suggestions about applying the principle of high ambition to your life and journaling space to document your insights and learning

You will find more information about all of the above topic areas on Sigma Chi Online, Preparation for Brotherhood, Course 3.

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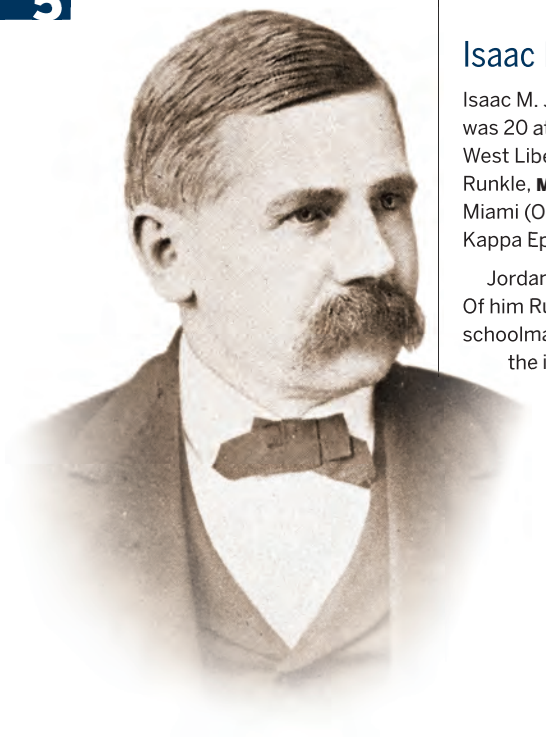

Isaac M. Jordan

Isaac M. Jordan, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, born on a farm in central Pennsylvania, was 20 at the time of the founding of Sigma Chi. His family later moved to West Liberty, Ohio, the boyhood home of fellow Founder Benjamin Piatt Runkle, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**. The two became friends at an early age, entered Miami (Ohio) University together and were initiated together into Delta Kappa Epsilon.

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

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

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

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

Chapter 5

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Founder Facts
Isaac M. Jordan

May 5, 1835, to Dec. 3, 1890

ACADEMICS

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

PROFESSIONAL

Admitted to the bar, Columbus, Ohio, 1858 • attorney, 1858 to 1890 • congressman, first district of Ohio, 1883 to 1885

FRATERNITY

Orator, first and 15th Grand Chapters

MEMORIAL

Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum, Cincinnati

For more information about Founder Jordan, please visit the Sigma Chi Historical Initiative's website at sigmachi.org/history.

The Sigma Chi Foundation

The Foundation's Purpose

The Sigma Chi Foundation is the charitable arm of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. In this capacity, it provides our members the opportunity to make contributions to the organization and, in return, receive a deduction on their personal income tax return. (Note: Canadian brothers have the same benefits through the Sigma Chi Canadian Foundation). The Foundation then uses those donations to fuel the educational and leadership development of its nearly 15,000 undergraduate members and more than 3,000 alumni volunteers. Through the generosity of the more than 8,000 donors who contribute to the Sigma Chi Foundation, the organization is able to provide more than $3 million in grants and scholarships annually to its members.

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Foundation History

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

The Sigma Chi Foundation took a meaningful step forward in the 1960s by building the Peterson International Headquarters in Evanston, Ill. (named for 38th Grand Consul and former Foundation Chairman J. Dwight Peterson, **INDIANA 1919**). The Peterson Headquarters building houses the Foundation's general office, the offices of the Sigma Chi International Fraternity, the Sigma Chi Leadership Institute, the Risk Management Foundation and the archives and museum of Sigma Chi.

Partnership with the Fraternity

In 2015, the Sigma Chi Fraternity and Foundation embarked on a plan to make Sigma Chi the preeminent organization of its kind for the next 160 years. At an historic meeting in the spring of 2017, the Fraternity and Foundation collectively endorsed a strategic plan that calls for Sigma Chi Foundation and Fraternity to work collaboratively to become the "preeminent leadership and character development brotherhood benefiting our members throughout life."

The result of the efforts over the years, and the launch of the strategic plan, is the refocusing of our collective efforts and a blending into an integrated operation seeking to work with and for the members of the organization with a single voice.

The formula is simple: Sigma Chis who desire to give back to the organization in order to help it stay as the best-in-class Fraternity can give tax-deductible dollars to the Foundation who can then use those dollars to dramatically impact the lives of the next generation of Sigma Chis in the form of grants and scholarships to the Fraternity. Everyone wins.

The successful achievement of this vision relies on more Sigma Chis to join the cause with more generosity than ever before. More men are needed to engage with the Fraternity in a volunteer or donor capacity or, at a minimum, in an advocacy capacity. In short: Sigma Chi needs you to join the cause in whatever way you can to ensure Sigma Chi models the way for our members over the next 160 years.

Brothers Make the Foundation's Support Possible

Supporting the Sigma Chi Foundation and the Sigma Chi Leadership Institute is the same as supporting the Sigma Chi Fraternity. While separate only from a legal standpoint, the three organizations are one and the same, and the mutual reliance and dependence on the other is critical toward our collective long-term success. No matter what level you can contribute — even if it is just $100 per year or just 10 hours of volunteer service per year — we need your help. The collective impact we can make on our society and the world at-large is limited only by the bounds of our own engagement.

Scholarships, Awards and Chapter-Specific Support

INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sigma Chi Foundation offers undergraduate and graduate brothers a number of scholarships and grants. Scholarships are for tuition and fee payments only. Applications are available at sigmachi.org/foundation each spring. The Foundation also supports the following special scholarships: needs-based; brothers impacted by natural disaster; and medical, graduate school, graduate engineering and graduate international business students.

CHAPTER-SPECIFIC ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

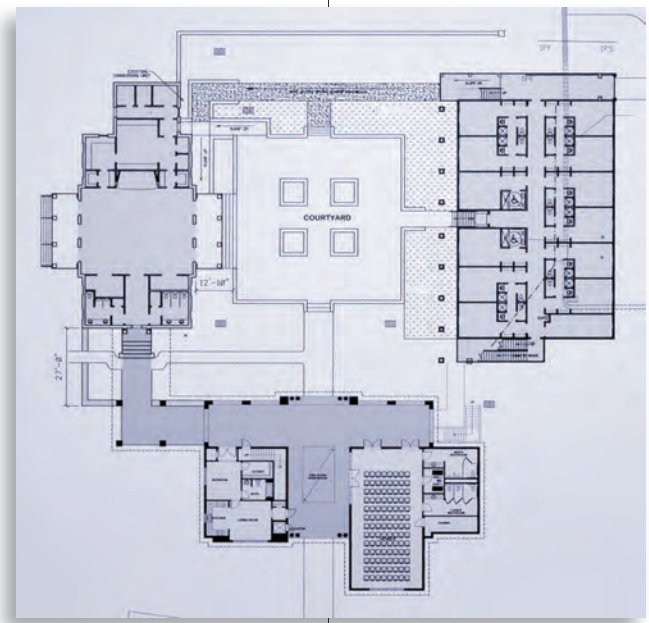
The Foundation supports many chapter-specific academic scholarship programs by accepting tax-free donations, managing the investment of funds and allocating scholarship grants on behalf of the chapter.

PETERSON CHAPTER AWARD

The Foundation sponsors the Peterson Significant Chapter award each year. The award recognizes the Fraternity's most outstanding undergraduate chapters.

EDUCATIONAL HOUSING RENOVATION

The Foundation supports educational housing renovations by accepting tax-free donations, managing the investment of those funds, reviewing planned renovations for educational components and the granting of such required funds. This is a significant benefit to a chapter planning a major chapter house reconstruction or renovation.



Donor Clubs and Recognition Levels

The Sigma Chi Foundation recognizes the significant support and commitment our alumni and friends make on behalf of our undergraduate, graduate and alumni brothers. Each donor is recognized annually
in the Foundation's Annual Report, which is always available online at sigmachi.org/foundation. Donor clubs recognize both annual and cumulative giving.

WILLIAM LEWIS LOCKWOOD SOCIETY

In honor of Founder William Lewis Lockwood, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1858**, the Lockwood Society recognizes brothers and friends who have provided significant financial support. Membership in this premier giving society is based on lifetime cumulative giving of $100,000 or more.

JAMES PARKS CALDWELL SOCIETY

The James Parks Caldwell Society recognizes brothers and friends who have named the Sigma Chi Foundation as a beneficiary of a planned gift — a will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy or life income gift. The Society's namesake, Founder James Parks Caldwell, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, was known for being true to principle. The Society honors not only Founder Caldwell, but all who share a lifelong commitment to advancing the vision and interests of the Fraternity.

WHITE CROSS TRUST GOVERNORS

This level honors loyal donors who donate $2,000 or more monthly or $25,000 or more annually.

WHITE CROSS TRUST GUARDIAN

This level honors loyal donors who donate $1,000 or more monthly or $10,000 or more annually.

WHITE CROSS TRUST GOLD

This level honors loyal donors who donate $500 or more monthly or $5,000 or more annually.

WHITE CROSS TRUST BLUE

This level honors loyal donors who donate $200 or more monthly or $2,000 or more annually.

WHITE CROSS TRUST

This level honors loyal donors who donate $100 or more monthly or $1,000 or more annually.

LIFE LOYAL SIG GOLD

This level honors loyal donors who donate $50 or more monthly or $500 or more annually.

LIFE LOYAL SIG BLUE

This level honors loyal donors who donate $10 or more monthly or $100 or more annually.

LIFE LOYAL SIG

This level includes all existing Life Loyal Sigs from previous program and new Life Loyal Sigs who give less than $100 annually.

Chapter 5

Undergraduate Awards

High ambition is exemplified through a wide array of undergraduate awards recognizing chapter and individual member achievements.

THE PETERSON SIGNIFICANT CHAPTER AWARD

Recognizing strong performance in all areas of chapter operations and activity, the Peterson Significant Chapter Award is the highest honor bestowed upon an undergraduate chapter. The Sigma Chi Foundation sponsors this annual award named for 38th Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson, **INDIANA 1919**.

The criteria for the award are based on a wide variety of areas related to chapter operations including: Chapter Operations, Ritual Performance, Recruitment Program, Pledge Preparation, Continuing Education Programs, Scholastic Performance, Alumni Relations, Risk Management, International Fraternity Relations, Campus Relations, Financial Responsibility, Philanthropy and Community Service and Conduct and Discipline.

Every Peterson chapter's recognition includes a large plaque.

Every chapter is now required to submit an Annual Report from which the winners of the Peterson Award are selected. The Fraternity presents the award to the winners each year at the Sigma Chi Fraternity's annual awards celebration.

THE DANIEL WILLIAM COOPER AWARD

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

THE LEGION OF HONOR AWARD

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

THE JAMES F. BASH SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT AWARD

The James F. Bash Significant Improvement Award, funded by 49th Grand Consul James F. Bash, **BUTLER AND INDIANA 1946**, and his wife, Connie, is given to chapters demonstrating major improvement in total chapter operations from year to year. "Significant Improvement" is defined as a minimum gain of 15 percent in the score ascribed to a Peterson Significant Chapter Award application from one year to the next.

The Fraternity presents the Bash Award to winners each year at the Sigma Chi Fraternity's annual awards celebration.

The Bash Award is announced every year at the Sigma Chi Fraternity's annual awards celebration.

THE ROBERT E. JOSEPH OUTSTANDING RISK MANAGEMENT AWARD

This award serves the purpose of supporting further risk management education and chapter house life safety improvements, as well as recognizing chapters with exemplary risk management programs. Winning chapters are provided a grant by the Risk Management Foundation to support their endeavors related to risk management.

THE BALFOUR AWARD PROGRAM

Each year the Fraternity honors its most outstanding graduating senior with the International Balfour Award, the highest undergraduate honor in the Fraternity. Created in 1929 through the generosity of 29th Grand Consul L. G. Balfour, **INDIANA 1907**, the award is based on the four criteria of scholarship, character, Fraternity service and campus leadership. Each chapter should designate its outstanding senior for the Chapter Balfour Award.

Each chapter recipient is then eligible for recognition as a Province Award winner. Each Grand Praetor selects a provincial winner and nominates him for the International Balfour Award.

The Grand Pro Consul chairs a selection committee consisting of five Grand Officers or past International Balfour Award winners. The committee selects three finalists who are interviewed at the Grand Chapter or Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop to determine the international winner.

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

In fall 1996, Significant Sig Kenneth S. "Bud" Adams Jr., **KANSAS 1944**, funded the K.S. "Bud" Adams Life Loyal Sig Award, which awards each Province Balfour Award winner a Life Loyal Sig membership.

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High Ambition Exemplified

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

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

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

INTERNATIONAL BALFOUR AWARD WINNERS

1929-30
Paul O. Hagemann,
WASHINGTON (ST. LOUIS) 1930

1930-31
Ormond S. Culp,
OHIO WESLEYAN 1931

1931-32
Critchell Parsons,
NEW MEXICO 1928

1932-33
Norman O. Wagner Jr.,
MISSOURI-COLUMBIA 1933

1933-34
William H. Ellsworth,
IOWA 1934

1934-35
William W. Fitzhugh Jr.,
DARTMOUTH 1935

1935-36
Dr. Elvis J. Stahr Jr.,
KENTUCKY 1936

1936-37
Kent Ryan,
UTAH STATE 1937

1937-38
Phillip D. Simon,
ILLINOIS 1938

1938-39
Marcus Bartlett,
EMORY 1939

1939-40
Robert C. Norman,
GEORGIA 1939

1940-41
Owen C. Pearce,
ARKANSAS 1941

1941-42
Richard A. Dibos,
PURDUE 1942

1942-43
Charles M. Thatcher,
MICHIGAN 1943

1943-44
Edward T. Matheny Jr.,
MISSOURI-COLUMBIA 1944

1944-45
C. Norman Halford,
MCGILL 1945

1945-46
Robert A. Maynard,
ALBION 1946

1946-47
Paul W. Brock,
AUBURN and ALABAMA 1948

1947-48
Ben C. Fisher,
ILLINOIS 1948

1948-49
George H. Cate Jr.,
VANDERBILT 1949

1949-50
David T. Kimball,
NEW MEXICO 1950

1950-51
Donn B. Miller,
OHIO WESLEYAN 1951

1951-52
Jesse A. Cone,
STANFORD 1952

1952-53
Alan A. Matheson,
UTAH 1953

1953-54
Arne S. Lindgren,
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1954

1954-55
B. Kenneth West,
ILLINOIS 1955

1955-56
Dr. Roger W. Staehle,
OHIO STATE 1957

1956-57
Robert C. Travis,
MISSISSIPPI 1957

1957-58
Carl C. Pitts,
COLORADO COLLEGE 1957

1958-59
Jon M. Huntsman Sr.,
PENNSYLVANIA 1959

1959-60
James O. Huber,
WISCONSIN 1960,
and Shelby M. Price, M.D.,
MISSISSIPPI 1960

1960-61
Henry M. Schleinitz,
MIT 1961

1961-62
Merlin J. Olsen,
UTAH STATE 1962

1962-63
Daniel A. Carrell,
DAVIDSON 1963

1963-64
William W. George,
GEORGIA TECH 1964

1964-65
Joel L. Cunningham,
TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA 1965

1965-66
William W. Neher,
BUTLER 1966

1966-67
Daniel A. Kleman,
BOWLING GREEN 1967

1967-68
Bruce M. Montgomerie,
DEPAUW 1968

1968-69
Col. John F. McPhail III,
FLORIDA 1969

1969-70
David P. Wolds,
CENTRAL MICHIGAN 1970

1970-71
Michael W. Hatch,
ST. LAWRENCE 1971

1971-72
Layne B. French,
HOUSTON 1972,
and Frank W. Johnson,
MISSISSIPPI 1972

1972-73
David B. Dillon,
KANSAS 1973

1973-74
Michael S. Sprague,
ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1974,
and Kenneth C. Brown,
CORNELL 1974

1974-75
H. Edward Garrett,
EMORY 1975

1975-76
Robert R. Lindgren,
FLORIDA 1976

1976-77
John C. Baldwin,
UTAH 1977

1977-78
Gregory T. Carter,
BUTLER 1978

1978-79
Keith J. Krach,
PURDUE 1979

1979-80
Tim R. Palmer,
PURDUE 1980

1980-81
Paul J. Quiner,
WYOMING 1981

1981-82
Dr. R. Mark Henderson,
TEXAS TECH 1982

1982-83
Thomas J. Fleming,
ROCHESTER 1983

1983-84
John Piotti,
MIT 1983

1984-85
Barton F. Hill, M.D.,
OREGON 1984

1985-86
Michael D. Trail,
IDAHO 1986

1986-87
Michael McMullan,
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

1987-88
Gregory S. Slappey,
GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN 1988

1988-89
John Sahm,
INDIANA STATE 1989

1989-90
Kelly N. West,
SOUTH ALABAMA 1990

1990-91
Jeffrey D. Watts, M.D.,
SOUTH CAROLINA 1991

1991-92
Andrew J. Cooley,
UTAH 1992

1992-93
Dr. C.T. Jones,
DEPAUW 1993

1993-94
Michael Allen Middleton,
SAMFORD 1994

1994-95
Christopher A. Riley,
FLORIDA STATE 1995

1995-96
John B. Etchepare Jr.,
WYOMING 1996

1996-97
Jeffrey R. Casper,
UTAH 1997

1997-98
Christopher V. Popov,
LOUISIANA STATE 1998

1998-99
Edward D. Greim,
MISSOURI-COLUMBIA 1999

1999-2000
Sam T. Towell,
MIT 2000

2000-01
Ben L.W. Trachtenberg,
YALE 2001

2001-02
Gene Massey,
LOUISVILLE 2002

2002-03
Kris Chiles,
CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO 2003

2003-04
Robert Simek,
TEXAS TECH 2004

2004-05
Ben Hickok,
TENNESSEE TECH 2005

2005-06
Jon Meinen,
BRADLEY 2006

2006-07
Eli Snider,
WILLAMETTE 2007

2007-08
Ben Pope,
MIT 2008

2008-09
Grant Mills,
KENTUCKY 2009

2009-10
Clint Merritt,
OKLAHOMA STATE 2010

2010-11
Odion Kalaci,
WINDSOR 2011

2011-12
Taylor E. Henderson,
OKLAHOMA STATE 2013

2012-13
Andrew Esstman,
INDIANA 2013

2013-14
Adrian Avila,
NEW MEXICO 2013

2014-15
Matthew H. Keller,
SPRING HILL 2015

2015-16
Ethan Pickering,
CASE WESTERN 2015

2016-2017
Jeremy W. Fernandes,
CINCINNATI 2017

2017-2018
Walker L. Wiggins,
ARKANSAS 2018

2018-2019
Andrew S. McMahon
BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN 2019

2019-2020
Samuel T. Romes
LOUISVILLE 2020

2020-2021
Jared W. Kuykendall
OKLAHOMA STATE 2021

2021-2022
Grant Franko
RIT 2022

Scholarships

THE LEONA & EARL A. DENTON INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Leona Denton, wife of Earl A. Denton, **CHICAGO 1929**, inaugurated the Leona and Earl A. Denton Scholarship Award in 1987 to support continuing study in international affairs with an emphasis in world trade, economics, business or political science. Recipients of this annual award, who may be graduating seniors or current graduate students, receive a cash grant, as well as a plaque commemorating the award.

GRACE & JACK D. MADSON GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

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

MARK P. HERSCHEDE ENGINEERING AWARD

Constantine Sig Mark P. Herschede Sr., **CINCINNATI 1940**, contributed $250,000 in 1990 to the Sigma Chi Foundation to establish a permanent fund benefiting Sig graduate students in engineering. Herschede's endowment comes with an attractive plaque and a grant to assist with the payment of the recipient's tuition and fees.

WALSH MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Significant Sig Dr. Dan Walsh, **SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE 1971**, established this fund in 2003 to assist students pursuing a degree in osteopathic, allopathic, podiatric or veterinary medicine.

"They can because they think they can."

— Virgil, Poet (70–19 BC)

Undergraduates and alumni receiving Grand Consul's Citations for outstanding service.

Other Awards and Honors

THE CHARLES G. ROSS UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM AWARD

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

The award is named for Significant Sig Charles G. Ross, **MISSOURI-COLUMBIA 1905**, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and White House press secretary to President Harry S. Truman.

GRAND CONSUL'S CITATIONS

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

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Certificates of Appreciation are presented, upon the request of a chapter, Grand Officer or Fraternity body, to a chapter officer or member of the Fraternity. The certificates recognize services rendered by an officer of an undergraduate or alumni chapter, or services rendered to a chapter or the General Fraternity.

THE DR. HENRI STEGEMEIER FACULTY ADVISOR AWARD

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

EDNA A. BOSS HOUSEPARENT AWARD

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

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

Grand Consul, Dr. George H. Jones Jr., LOUISIANA STATE 1942, presents the Edna A. Boss Houseparent Award to Mrs. Vivian Stewart of North Carolina State during the 64th Grand Chapter meeting in 1983.

Alumni Awards

SIGNIFICANT SIG AWARD

More than 2,300 alumni have received the Significant Sig award since its inception. What began in 1935 as a token of recognition has become one of the most distinguished awards in the Greek-letter world.

At the 1935 Grand Chapter banquet in Seattle, L.A. Downs, **PURDUE 1894**, president of the Illinois Central Railroad and a member of the Fraternity's Executive Committee, introduced the Significant Sig Award and the seven charter members. The charter group of Significant Sigs included author and 14th Grand Consul George Ade, **PURDUE 1887**; naturalist and explorer Roy Chapman Andrews, **BELOIT 1906**; Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist John T. McCutcheon, **PURDUE 1889**; author and philanthropist Chase S. Osborn, **PURDUE 1880**; radio announcer James Wallington, **ROCHESTER 1928**; and *The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi* composer F. Dudleigh Vernor, **ALBION 1914**. The seventh Significant Sig medal was awarded posthumously to United States FBI Agent Samuel P. Cowley, **UTAH STATE 1925**, who was killed in the line of duty facing organized crime figure "Baby Face" Nelson on Nov. 28, 1934.

Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Booth Tarkington, **PURDUE 1893**, and cartoonist Milton Caniff, **OHIO STATE 1930**, were honored in 1937, and Downs received the award in 1939. The first president of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Merlin Aylesworth, **WISCONSIN-MADISON 1907**, and U.S. Secretary of War and 34th Grand Consul Maj. Gen. Patrick Hurley, **GEORGE WASHINGTON 1913**, were also recipients.

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

Other notable Significant Sigs from the 1940s included 29th Grand Consul L.G. Balfour, **INDIANA 1907**; and K.S. "Boots" Adams, **KANSAS 1921**, board chairman of Phillips Petroleum Co. and father of Significant Sig Kenneth S. "Bud" Adams Jr., **KANSAS 1944**. Fielding H. Yost, **WEST VIRGINIA 1897**, head football coach at the University of Michigan, became one of the first athletes to be recognized as a Significant Sig, in 1941.

In 1948, the Fraternity honored motion picture star John Wayne, **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1929**. "The Duke" was on hand at the 47th Grand Chapter in Seattle, and according to *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* archives, "was at a loss for words when he received his Significant Sig medal."

Many alumni in government and business were recognized during the 1950s. Although they might have had little in common politically, United States Senators Barry Goldwater, **ARIZONA 1932**, and J. William Fulbright, **ARKANSAS 1924**, were both honored as Significant Sigs that decade, as was Charles G. Ross, **MISSOURI-COLUMBIA 1905**, Press Secretary to United States President Harry S. Truman.

As post-war commerce boomed, so did the selections of Significant Sigs in business and industry. Included among those were Carl L. Bausch, **SYRACUSE 1909**, board chairman for Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.; Harold Boeschenstein, **ILLINOIS 1918**, president of Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp;

The Significant Sig Emblem

Bret Baier

Warren Beatty

Drew Brees

Luke Bryan

Mark DeRosa

Mike Ditka

Luke Donald

Ruben Gallego

Bill George

and 38th Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson, **INDIANA 1919**, then president and chairman of City Securities Corp.

This decade also saw the first Canadian brother inducted into the Significant Sig ranks. Dr. George Edward Hall, **TORONTO-RYERSON 1929**, president of the University of Western Ontario, was the first in 1955. Also honored in the 1950s was Woody Hayes, **DENISON 1935**, head football coach at Ohio State University. Finally, the second half of a Fraternity legend was recognized in 1950 when *The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi* lyricist Byron D. Stokes, **ALBION 1913**, received the Significant Sig Award.

From Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop Dick Groat, **DUKE 1953**; to 12-time National Blind Golfers Champion Charley Boswell, **ALABAMA 1940**, to college head football coaches Chalmers W. "Bump" Elliott, **PURDUE AND MICHIGAN 1947**, and Peter R. Elliott, **MICHIGAN 1947**, Significant Sigs were found in the sports pages throughout the 1960s. Front-office brothers, including Arthur C. Allyn Jr., **DARTMOUTH 1935**, president of the Chicago White Sox; Andy Anderson, **BELOIT 1926**, general manager of the Detroit Lions; and Bud Adams, owner of the Tennessee Titans, also became Significant Sigs.

The Significant Sig roll from the 1970s could be a Who's Who list in business and industry. The roster included Edward S. "Ted" Rogers, **TORONTO-RYERSON 1956**, CEO of Rogers Telecommunications; and Bill Marriott Jr., **UTAH 1954**, president of Marriott Corp.

The group of Sig athletes is equally impressive. Major League pitcher Jim Palmer, **ARIZONA STATE 1967**; and football players Mike Ditka, **PITTSBURGH 1961**; Bob Griese, **PURDUE 1967**; Bronko Nagurski, **MINNESOTA 1930**; and Merlin Olsen, **UTAH STATE 1962**, each received the award, as did coaches Johnny Majors, **TENNESSEE-KNOXVILLE 1957**; Hank Stram, **PURDUE 1945**; and Eddie Sutton, **OKLAHOMA STATE 1958**.

Sigma Chi also recognized good taste when it presented restaurateurs Vincent E. Sardi Jr., **COLUMBIA 1937**, of New York's Sardi's; Ike Sewell, **TEXAS-AUSTIN 1927**, of Chicago's Pizzeria Uno; and Richard J. Brennan, **TULANE 1955**, of New Orleans' Brennan's, the Significant Sig award. Warren Beatty, **NORTHWESTERN 1959**, motion picture star and producer; and Gordon Gould, **UNION 1941**, primary inventor of the laser, were other brothers honored during the 1970s.

The 1980s was the decade of the Congressman, including Congressmen Tony P. Hall, **OHIO STATE AND DENISON 1964**; Henry J. Hyde, **DUKE 1946**, Michael G. Oxley, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1966**; Bud Shuster, **PITTSBURGH 1954**; and Hon. Ike Skelton IV, **MISSOURI-COLUMBIA 1953**.

Other government recipients included Hon. Lamar Alexander Jr., **VANDERBILT 1962**, Tennessee Governor (currently Senior United States Senator); James S. Brady, **ILLINOIS 1962**, press secretary to President Ronald Reagan; and Ken D. Taylor, **TORONTO-RYERSON 1957**, Canada's ambassador to Iran who helped American hostages escape from that country in 1980. True North author Bill George, **GEORGIA TECH 1964**, also received the award.

The Significant Sigs sports tradition continued in the 1980s with Barry A. Ackerley, **IOWA 1956**, the late owner of the Seattle Supersonics; William S. Arnsparger, **KENTUCKY AND MIAMI (OHIO) 1950**, defensive coordinator for the San Diego Chargers; Bill Buckner, **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1972**, former Major League baseball player; and John A. Ziegler Jr., **MICHIGAN 1955**,

former president of the National Hockey League.

Other Significant Sig recipients from that decade included Jon M. Huntsman Sr., **PENNSYLVANIA 1959**; president and chairman of The Huntsman Companies; Dr. William C. DeVries, **UTAH 1966**, the first U.S. surgeon authorized to implant permanent artificial hearts; cartoonist Mike Peters, **WASHINGTON (ST. LOUIS) 1965**; and entertainers Tom Selleck, **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1967**, and David Letterman, **BALL STATE 1969**; along with film and television director Stephen Cannell, **OREGON 1964**.

Significant Sigs in the 1990s are just as impressive: Space shuttle astronaut and Sigma Chi Foundation President Gregory J. Harbaugh, **PURDUE 1978**; author H. Jackson Brown Jr., **EMORY 1962**; Mississippi Governor Hon. Kirk Fordice Jr., **PURDUE 1956**; head coach of the Green Bay Packers Mike Holmgren, **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1970**; Outback Steakhouse co-founder Bob Basham, **MARYLAND 1970**; United States Ambassador to China and former Utah Governor Jon M. Huntsman Jr., **UTAH 1983**; and 64th Grand Consul and Silicon Valley entrepreneur Keith Krach, **PURDUE 1979**.

In the 2000s, Significant Sigs continued to make headlines as FOX News personality Bret Baier, **DEPAUW 1992**, joined the ranks along with motion picture actor Jim Caviezel, **WASHINGTON (SEATTLE) 1993**, and marketing guru Keith Ferrazzi, **YALE 1988**.

Significant Sig athletes stole the show in the 2000s as Super Bowl-winning quarterback Drew Brees, **PURDUE 2001**; world-ranked golfer Luke Donald, **NORTHWESTERN 2001**; World Series-winning Major League baseball player Mark DeRosa, **PENNSYLVANIA 1997**; national championship-winning college football coach Urban Meyer, **CINCINNATI 1986**; and Super Bowl-winning head football coach Sean Payton, **EASTERN ILLINOIS 1987**, were all selected for the prestigious honor.

The 2010s saw US Rep. Ruben Gallego, **HARVARD 2004**, former NFL Coach Kliff Kingsbury, **TEXAS TECH 2002**, Cleveland Browns owner and Pilot Truck Stop CEO Jimmy Haslam, **TENNESSEE-KNOXVILLE 1976**, actor Brad Pitt, **MISSOURI-COLUMBIA 1986**, former Villanova head men's basketball coach and former Big East Coach of the Year Jay Wright, **BUCKNELL 1983**, and country singers Luke Bryan, **GEORGIA SOUTHERN 1999**, and Cole Swindell, **GEORGIA SOUTHERN 2005**, receive the award. *Arrested Development* and *Veep* actor Tony Hale, **SAMFORD 1992**, and Jimmy Buffet's keyboardist Mike Utley, **ARKANSAS 1969**, both received the award as well. Former Chicago Bears general manager Ryan Pace, **EASTERN ILLINOIS 1999**, UBER CEO Dara Khosrowshahi, **BROWN 1991** and the lead singer of *The Chainsmokers*, Andrew Taggart, **SYRACUSE 2012**, also received recognition.

The 2020s rang in with country singer Wade Bowen, **TEXAS TECH 2000**, Special Olympics athlete Andrew Peterson, **CLARKSON 2013**, and Utah Jazz President Jim Olson, **UTAH 1991**, joining the prestigious ranks.

Any member can nominate a brother for the Significant Sig Award.

Barry Goldwater

Jimmy Haslam

Michael Holmgren

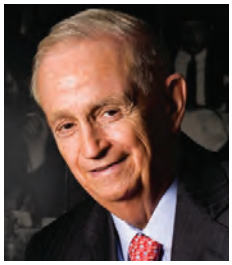
Jon Huntsman Jr.

Jon Huntsman Sr.

Dara Khosrowshahi

Kliff Kingsbury

David Letterman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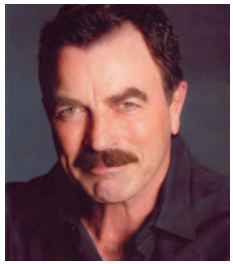
Ryan Pace

Sean Payton

Andrew Peterson

Brad Pitt

Ted Rogers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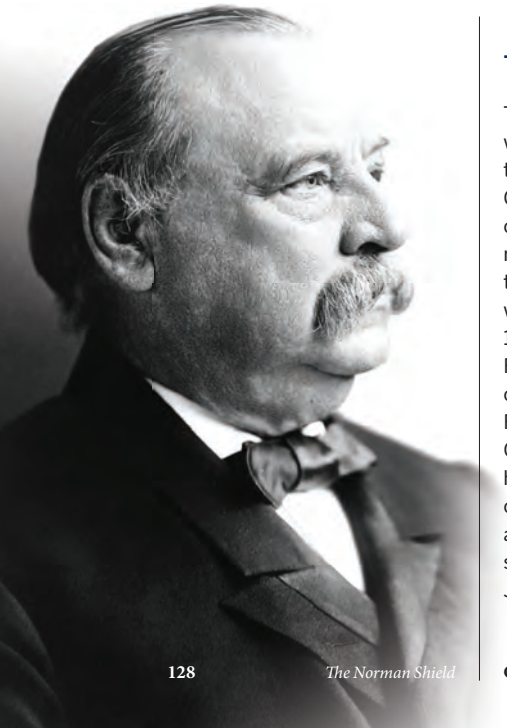

The Most Significant Sig of All?

Though he entered the Chapter Eternal before the Significant Sig Award was created and has thus never been considered for the honor, it is difficult to think of a single Sigma Chi who has commanded more influence than Grover Cleveland, **MICHIGAN 1893**. He is the only Fraternity member to occupy the office of President of the United States, having served two non-consecutive terms as the 22nd president from 1885 to 1889 and the 24th president from 1893 to 1897. His initiation into the Fraternity was not without controversy, as the Michigan chapter invited him in 1892 to be an honorary initiate of their chapter without realizing that the Fraternity's laws forbade such initiations. To avoid the embarrassment of withdrawing the invitation, which Cleveland had already accepted, the Fraternity's leadership called an emergency session of the 20th Grand Chapter that passed an amendment tailor-made to allow for Cleveland's honorary initiation while forbidding any future ones from being based on its precedent. Cleveland himself called the distinction of his initiation an "honor," and wore his diamond encrusted Sigma Chi badge at his second inauguration, which now resides in the Fraternity's museum at J. Dwight Peterson International Headquarters in Evanston, Ill.

Alumni Awards *(continued)*

ORDER OF CONSTANTINE

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

Order of Constantine Emblem

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

Present policy is to honor 21 brothers annually, each of whom receives a certificate and a plaque recognizing him as one "who has worn the White Cross in a manner the seven Founders would have commended." An additional certificate is prepared for the recipient's home chapter's archives.

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

SEMI-CENTURY SIG AWARD

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

EDWIN C. FISHER GRAND PRAETOR AWARD

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

The award is named for former Grand Praetor and past Grand Quaestor, Significant Sig and Order of Constantine Sig Edwin C. Fisher, **ILLINOIS 1928**. Also, a chapter advisor, Fisher served as Grand Praetor of the former Southern California/Arizona Province from 1958 to 1962. He was a member of the Leadership Training Board from 1962 to 1969.

The recipient receives a gold Sigma Chi ring featuring the Crest and the recipient's school name. The 2023 winner was Order of Constantine Sig Duane Ray, **MONTANA STATE 2000.**

"The greatest power ever bestowed upon mankind is the power of choice. Choose to persist without exception. Hold fast to your dreams and stay the course, even in the face of exhaustion, rejection, and uncertainty."

— Andy Andrews, Author, *The Traveler's Gift*

"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained."

— Marie Curie, Physicist, Chemist (1867–1934)

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"Excellence is not an accomplishment. It is a spirit, a never-ending process."

—Lawrence M. Miller, Author

THE WILLIAM T. BRINGHAM BEST HOUSE CORPORATION OFFICER AWARD

The William T. Bringham Best House Corporation Officer Award was first presented in 1974. It is named for Order of Constantine Sig and Significant Sig William T. Bringham Sr., **ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1946**, Sigma Chi's Executive Secretary from 1954 to 1989.

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

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

THE ERWIN L. LECLERG OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ADVISOR AWARD

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

The award is named for Order of Constantine Sig Dr. Erwin L. LeClerg, **COLORADO STATE 1924**, former Eastern Province Grand Praetor, Executive Committee member and advisor to active chapters at Colorado State, Louisiana State, George Washington and Maryland.

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

THE JAY E. MINTON BEST ALUMNI CHAPTER OFFICER AWARD

Each year, the Fraternity's Executive Committee selects an outstanding alumni chapter officer to receive the Jay E. Minton Best Alumni Chapter Officer Award. Created in 1975, the award was named in honor of Order of Constantine Sig Jay E. Minton Sr., **MISSOURI-COLUMBIA 1920**, past alumni chapter officer and vice president of the Order of Constantine. The award recognizes outstanding leadership, administration, Fraternity relations and service, effectiveness and improvement by an officer in his alumni chapter. Any member or chapter may recommend an alumni chapter officer for the award by writing the Headquarters' alumni services department.

The recipient receives a certificate and his name recorded on an award plaque at Headquarters.

DR. DONALD B. WARD ALUMNI CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

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

The recipient group receives a certificate and has its name recorded on an award plaque at Headquarters. Contact the Alumni Services Department at Headquarters with any questions.

WILLIAM H. CARLISLE JR. OUTSTANDING WORKSHOP FACULTY AWARD

The Carlisle Award is presented every year at the end of KTLW and honors the event's best alumni facilitator, as voted by the facilitators themselves.

MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD PIN

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

The award may be bestowed upon either undergraduate members or alumni who meet the following criteria:

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

Military Service Recognition Award Pin

JAMES E. MONTGOMERY ALUMNI CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS AWARD

The Fraternity annually recognizes the most outstanding alumni chapter publication with the Montgomery Award, named for the late Indiana newspaper publisher James E. Montgomery, **BUTLER AND STANFORD 1908**.

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

ALUMNI CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Alumni Chapter Excellence Award recognizes the accomplishments of an entire alumni chapter toward improving the alumni experience. This biennial award is presented at Grand Chapter to all alumni chapters selected on the basis of excellence in membership fulfillment, undergraduate support and community involvement. The award was conceptualized and sponsored by Order of Constantine Sig Bruce Morgan Casner, **GEORGE WASHINGTON 1971**, a past president of the Washington D.C. alumni chapter and the 1977 recipient of the Jay E. Minton Outstanding Alumni Officer Award.

MARK V. ANDERSON CHARACTER-IN-ACTION™ LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Mark V. Anderson Character-in-Action™ Leadership Award is given in recognition of Sigs who have gone out of their way and beyond what is expected to help others, who overcome obstacles and who lead with integrity. This award is given quarterly, and its winners are featured in *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*. The Krach Family Foundation endowed the award in perpetuity in 2007, and was endowed in the honor of past Executive Secretary Mark V. Anderson, **ILLINOIS 1977**.

THE SEVEN LIGHTS ALUMNI AWARD

The Seven Lights Alumni Award is presented to alumni members who have demonstrated significant service to the Fraternity. Nominees for the Seven Lights Alumni Award are nominated by at least three brothers, one of whom must be a Grand Praetor, Grand Trustee, alumni chapter president or chapter advisor. Nominees must also be an alumnus of at least 10 years. Up to 28 Seven Lights Alumni Awards are given each year. Order of Constantine Sigs and Significant Sigs are ineligible for consideration.

How to Apply for Alumni Awards

The deadlines and processes for applying for each of the awards can be found at https://sigmachi.org/home/alumni/alumni-awards/.

Learning Linkages

Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop

The Sigma Chi Fraternity launched The Transformational Leader program at 83rd Grand Chapter in Scottsdale, Ariz., on June 26, 2021. This was a monumental milestone in the history of the Fraternity. The over-arching, Sigma Chi enterprise-wide program will be Sigma Chi's leadership staple within its membership for decades to come, offering leadership skills and competencies to educate the future leaders within our communities.

The Transformational Leader program is the first accredited Greek-letter personal development program that spans beyond the undergraduate years into the alumni experience – a differentiator among its peers in the inter-fraternal landscape. Sigma Chi is a lifelong journey, so should be our Quest for learning. With the future's vision taking shape, Sigma Chi needed a conference with a specific focus of next-level leadership development.

Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop (KTLW) will now serve as the annual flagship event of The Transformational Leaders experience, where ambitious, empowered and inspired leaders within Sigma Chi chapters meet to acquire world-class experiences from certified faculty to cultivate their values and skills into Transformational Leadership competencies to better lead in their chapters and campuses.

64th Grand Consul Keith Krach, PURDUE 1979

History and Name

Workshop began in 1947. It is an annual program for Sigma Chi's annual leaders and alumnus facilitators to cultivate transformational leadership principles for personal and chapter development.

KTLW was sponsored by 64th Grand Consul Keith Krach, **PURDUE 1979**, in 2018. Krach truly believes we must continue to develop leaders – this is critical for our Fraternity's future. And by leaders, we mean people who demonstrate character-in-action, people who make a difference every day in their own lives and in the lives of others – in big ways, in small ways, in transformational, meaningful ways.

"Imagine the possibilities if we can tap the full potential of our people and ideas," Krach says. "Think about what we can achieve if we help every undergraduate become all he can become. Imagine the possibilities if you take the same approach with the rest of your life. Over the years, generations of Sigs have invested their time, energy and resources to encourage, counsel and befriend their brothers to help them become all they can be. We must do the same for those who follow us."

Krach sponsors Workshop through the Sigma Chi Foundation. The Foundation grant makes possible the development of new expanded educational programs such as Sigma Chi Leadership Institute's leadership certificates and has helped increase attendance at Workshop to record levels, with almost 1,000 attendees in attendance.

KRACH
TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERS WORKSHOP

The KTLW Experience

KTLW is a four-day leadership immersion event that focuses on the personal and career development of Sigma Chi undergraduates, developing them into Transformational Leaders in their chapters and on their campuses.

At this leadership immersion, through Sigma Chi Leadership Institute, Sigma Chi will enroll its members into KTLW, offering three leadership certificates that will develop critical leadership skills needed for the future landscape, including discovering their true north, values-based accountability and servant leadership and followership.

This is a major endeavor in the Workshop culture that's evolved over a 70-year history, replacing officer training with Brother Krach's ultimate vision, empowering Transformational Leaders to sharpen their social skills to return to their campus and inspire change and innovation within their undergraduate chapters.

Each Sigma Chi student will be led by certified Sigma Chi Facilitator Academy faculty members in small-group sessions, designed to cultivate authentic discussions about leadership challenges our young men face daily.

Location

The location of KTLW has moved throughout college campuses on North America during the last 74 years, ranging from Texas to Ontario, Canada. In 2023, KTLW visited Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, for leadership development and a focus on Ritual education and certification.

Chapters receive a paid scholarship to the event as long as each attending student has perfect attendance to each leadership certificate course and has completed all leadership certificate assignment and assessment by the completion of the final day at KTLW.

For more information about KTLW, visit: **workshop.sigmachi.org.**

High Ambition

DEFINING HIGH AMBITION

Exhibiting energy and motivation in every task, every day. Aspiring for something better, and reaching beyond your grasp.

Application Suggestions — Journal

P4B COURSE 3

Use the following readings, thought questions and application suggestions to deepen your learning during Course 3 of P4B. Journal your thoughts and the results of your actions in this section. Be prepared to discuss your learning insights with your Big Brother and at the next Preparation for Brotherhood Group Session.

- Describe two things that you are passionate about pursuing. These things do not have to be tangible, they could be ideals to which you aspire.
- List two important challenges you face and the strategies you are using to deal with them.
- Find one quote about high ambition that you would like to share with your pledge brothers at your next group session. Record it on page 139 of this journal.
- Learning about the personal creeds and coat of arms of your fellow chapter brothers, what inspired you most and what do you aspire to add to your personal creed and crest?

ConnΣXtion

This week, make three to five ConnΣXtions with active chapter brothers. Discuss the following:

- What is the most ambitious thing you have ever done?
- What drives you in your career and in your personal life?
- Describe the person you admire most. Do you admire them for their high ambition, or one of the other virtues we aspire to in Sigma Chi?

Journal 5

"Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it."

— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, writer (1749–1832)

THOUGHT QUESTIONS

Which line from the writing on the right do you like the most and want to apply? Highlight it.

What do you want to start doing differently tomorrow?

What role does ambition play in your life?

What's the difference between ambition and high ambition?

The Station

— Robert J. Hastings

Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long trip that spans the continent. We are traveling by train. Out the windows we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hillsides, of city skylines and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. Bands will be playing and flags waving. Once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering —

waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

"When we reach the station that will be it!" we cry. "When I'm 18." "When I buy a new 450SL Mercedes Benz!" "When I put the last kid through college." "When I have paid off the mortgage!" "When I get a promotion." "When I reach the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after!"

Sooner or later we must realize there is no station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip.

The station is only a dream.
It constantly out distances us.

"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24 — "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are

twin thieves who rob us of today.

So, stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, swim more rivers, climb more mountains, kiss more babies, count more stars. Laugh more and cry less. Go barefoot more often. Eat more ice cream. Ride more merry-go-rounds. Watch more sunsets. Life must be lived as we go along.

The station will come soon enough.

Journal 5

High Ambition Professional/Scholar Notes

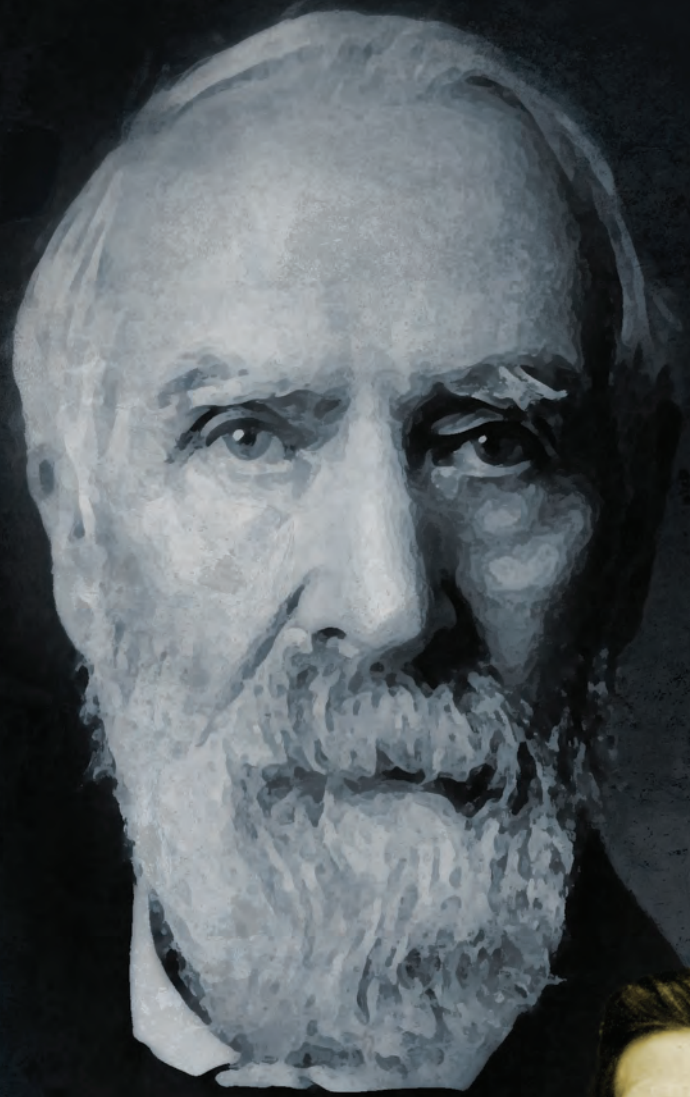
"Everyone has potential... It is an infinite resource that cannot be exhausted, but can be lost in the clouds of fear and complacency. It may take courage to embrace the possibilities of your own potential, but once you've flown past the summit of your fears, nothing will seem impossible."

— Michael McKee

Journal 5

YOUR FAVORITE

In the space below, record your favorite quote about ***high ambition*** — one that resonates with your own personal feelings.



Founder

Daniel William Cooper

Sept. 2, 1830, to Dec. 11, 1920

SELF-CONTROL

Cooper & *Self-Control*

Daniel William Cooper

CHAPTER 6

Introduction

Self-Control

Self-control means more than simply "temperance." Rather, self-control suggests disciplining one's mental, physical and emotional state.

Defining Self-Control

Being pure and noble in thoughts and actions, and being able to approach life's circumstances and temptations with restraint.

A leader must control his mind, body and heart. Self-control is the critical prerequisite to group-control. A leader must be able to direct his own actions before he can expect to direct the actions of others; he must trust himself before others can put their trust in his hands.

Daniel William Cooper was a man you could trust. His life is a testament to the virtue of self-control. In creating our badge as a White Cross, he said, "By our Ritual we must avoid the danger that may come by believing that one could conquer by just wearing an emblem to parade virtues that are not within the heart."

At the 29th Grand Chapter, Cooper stated, "Brothers, you wear the cross, that emblem to me above all things, the most worthy of reverence and love. See to it that you never do ought to dishonor it. Let your character be as pure and white as the enamel of which it is composed. Let your every word and deed be as rich and golden as the gold that surrounds and ornaments it..."

ABOUT THIS CHAPTER:

This chapter is designed to:

- Discuss the life and legacy of Founder Cooper,
- Define the meaning of *Self-Control* and describe how Founder Cooper applied it to his life,
- Explain the purpose/involvement of the Risk Management Foundation in chapter affairs,
- Review the key teachings of the Values-Based Decision Making program and its S.O.A.R. Model, developed by Sigma Chi Leadership Institute,
- Review the educational programming entitled Preventing Sexual Misconduct, created by Sigma for use by all University organizations,
- Explain the purpose of the Sigma Chi Lifeline,
- Provide suggestions about applying the principle of self-control to your life and journaling space to document your insights and learning.

You will find more information about all of the above topic areas on *Sigma Chi Online, Preparation for Brotherhood, Course 3*.

Chapter 6

The badge shown above belonged to Founder Daniel William Cooper and is now worn by each Grand Consul during his two-year term.

Daniel William Cooper

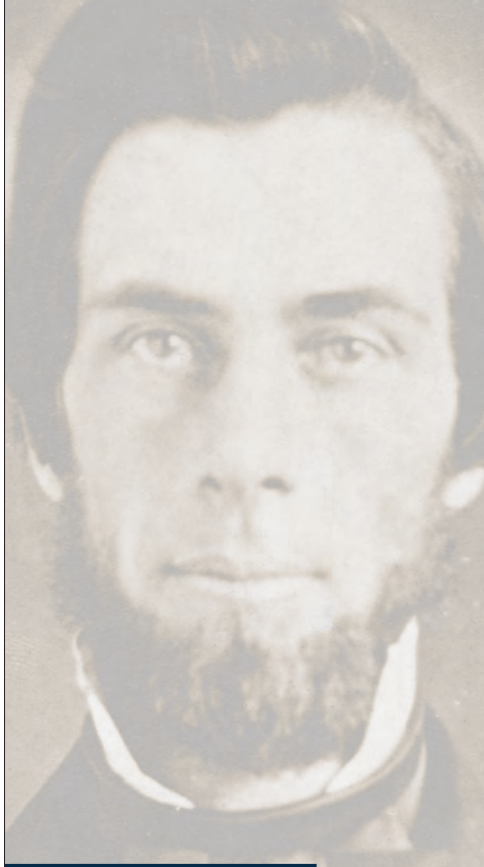
Daniel William Cooper, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, oldest of the seven Founders, was born near Fredericktown, Ohio. He later taught in district schools before entering Miami (Ohio) University in the fall of 1854.

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

Of him Runkle recalled, "To him more than to any other man is due the birth and early growth of the kindly and generous spirit of Sigma Chi. It is

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

Cooper continued to look after the personal and spiritual needs of others in his professional life. After leaving college, he entered the seminary and became a Presbyterian minister. He served as pastor to several parishes in his home state of Ohio and performed missionary work. He was the last surviving of the seven Founders, passing to the Chapter Eternal in 1920 at age 90. He is buried at Allegheny Cemetery in Pittsburgh. Brother Cooper wore his original Sigma Phi badge throughout his life. Upon his death, the pin was preserved. Today, the newly-elected Grand Consul has the honor of being pinned at his installation into office with the Cooper badge.



Cooper was known as the "balance wheel" of the seven, due to his qualities of self-control and level-headedness.

Chapter 6

Founder Facts

Daniel William Cooper

Sept. 2, 1830, to Dec. 11, 1920

ACADEMICS

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

PROFESSIONAL

Pastor, Presbyterian churches in Ohio and Indiana, 1859 to 1891 • delegate, Presbyterian General Assembly, 1872 and 1885

FRATERNITY

The first Consul of the Alpha Chapter and his badge is passed to each newly elected Grand Consul

MEMORIAL

Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh

For more information about Founder Cooper, please visit the Sigma Chi Historical Initiative's website at sigmachi.org/history.

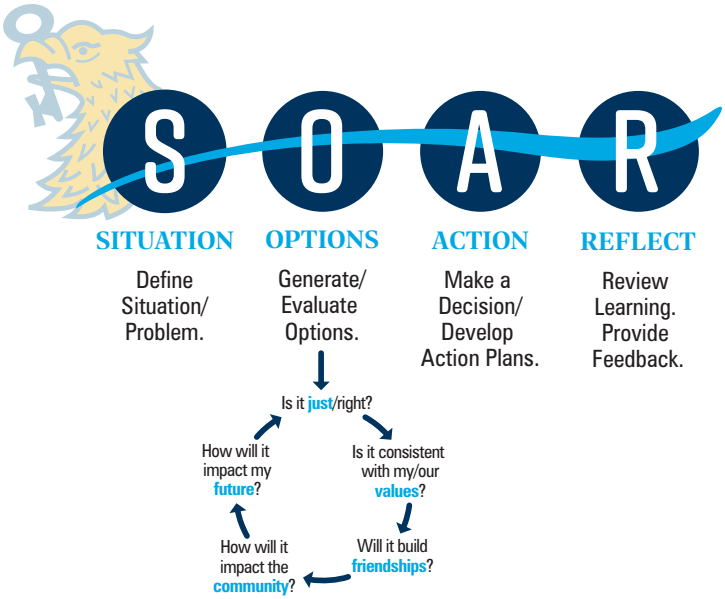
Values-Based Decision Making

The values of Sigma Chi have stood the test of time. They represent a philosophy of character and integrity that have guided Sigma Chi's for over 160 years. These values should be the guiding force that directs every action of each day... our actions as leaders, as friends, as members of our college communities.

It is under pressure, when tough choices present themselves that we must decide on our true values and exhibit self-control. When we are forced to make tough choices, it becomes apparent what is most important to us.

Those who develop a clear sense of their values before they get into tough situations are better prepared to keep their bearings and navigate through difficult decisions and dilemmas when the pressure mounts.

As Sigma Chis, we must commit ourselves to making life decisions based on our values. We call this a values-based approach to decision making. (See the illustration below.) This values-based approach is an integral part of many of our educational programs which you will have the opportunity to attend during your undergraduate years.



Alternate Decision-Making Filters

- How does this affect my brothers?
- How do I want to be remembered?
- What legacy do I want to leave?

"We stand at the crossroads, each minute, each hour, each day, making choices. We choose the thoughts we allow ourselves to think, the passions we allow ourselves to feel, and the actions we allow ourselves to perform. Each choice is made in the context of whatever value system we have selected to govern our lives. In selecting that value system, we are, in a very real way, making the most important choice we will ever make."

— Ben Franklin, American Founding Father (1706–1790)

Risk Management Foundation (RMF)

Created by the Sigma Chi Fraternity in 1988, the Risk Management Foundation (RMF) is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) education foundation established to provide members with risk-management resources focused on education, prevention, and preservation.

RMF is a separate organization from the Fraternity. More than 400 Sigma Chi entities, mostly active chapters and house corporations, are members of the RMF and are bound by its regulations. Membership in the RMF is voluntary and available to any undergraduate or alumni chapter or house corporation.

RMF provides support primarily to volunteer alumni advisors and to undergraduate chapter officers, including Risk Managers who should serve on the chapter's Executive Committee.

Following lengthy discussions on the importance of continued educational outreach, the RMF Board increased its ongoing commitment to education by more than doubling the available budget for curricula and resource development and face-to-face presentations.

As Lloyd's Fraternity Program founder Jim Favor stated, "Face-to-face interaction with as many of the members as possible is our best opportunity to influence behavior and reduce potential claims."

For further information about RMF materials and presentations, please see RMFeducation.org.

Sigma Chi
RISK MANAGEMENT

"Life is about choices. Some we regret, some we are proud of. Some will haunt us forever. The message... we are what we choose to be."

— Graham Brown, Author

Learning Linkages

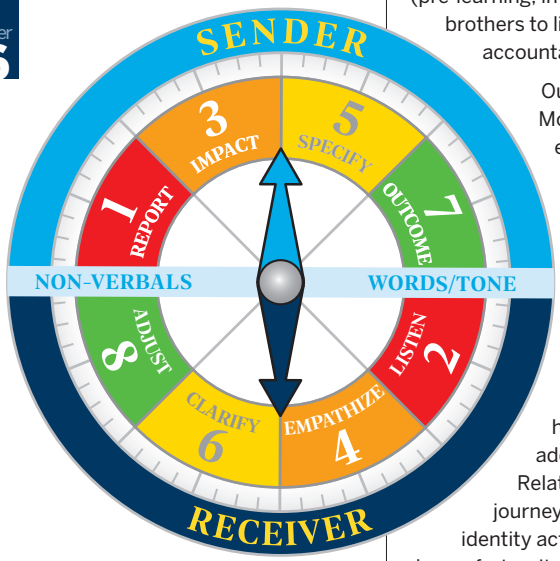
Sigma Chi offers its members a variety of programs designed to encourage the value of self-control and embrace the value of high ambition. As Sigma Chi builds its Transformational Leader program, values-based decision-making and delivering and accepting feedback will be key components in leadership development.

Values-Based Decision Making

Sigma Chi launched a hybrid/blended learning program in Fall 2019: Values-Based Decision Making (VBDM).

Values-based Decision Making is based on a more personalized learning experience that can be tailored to the needs of chapters and individuals, as well as be delivered in a variety of educational settings and venues, including chapters, Sigma Chi Online, province conferences and Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop. Furthermore, the hybrid approach that blends both eLearning and in-person learning paves the way to deliver highly accessible, relevant and impactful educational programs that are sensitive to the time constraints and schedules of both our undergraduate brothers and alumni facilitators.

The Sigma Chi VBDM program, the Fraternity's accountability education, is comprised of a core curriculum with seven electives. VBDM addresses accountability and other challenging issues facing our Greek community (i.e., hazing, alcohol, drug use, sexual assault, etc.) from a positive behavioral approach, meaning that we explore these topics with the goal of inspiring change through positive reinforcement of brotherhood, healthy relationships and our values. The core curriculum (pre-learning, in-person and post-learning) invites our undergraduate brothers to live more authentically by holding self and others accountable to the seven values of Sigma Chi.



Our undergraduate brothers are introduced to the S.O.A.R. Model, the third Sigma Chi instructional model, that will enable them to make values-based decisions — decisions that give them wings to "soar" toward the White Cross. An integral component of the core curriculum is the art of giving and receiving feedback through the Sigma Chi Feedback Model. The topic areas and models in the core curriculum are foundational to the entire VBDM program. Therefore, the core curriculum is a prerequisite to the seven electives. The naming of the elective areas reflects our positive behavioral approach mentioned above (e.g., the elective aimed at eradicating hazing is called True Brotherhood and the elective addressing sexual disrespect and assault is called Healthy Relationships). Each one of the electives takes the learner on a journey toward holistic living where healthy masculinity and self-identity actualize personal mission and the collective mission of the larger fraternity.

Sigma Chi Strong Arms

The Sigma Chi Strong Arms curriculum serves as the Greek-letter world's first dedicated learning resource addressing mental wellness and emotional health. For its groundbreaking approach, the Strong Arms curriculum was awarded the 2019 Laurel Wreath Award for outstanding education within the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC).

Sigma Chi Strong Arms is assigned to all new members upon receiving a license on Sigma Chi Online and it should be completed within a new member's first year within the Fraternity. The five courses of the Strong Arms curriculum can be found in the Preparation for Brotherhood program because it is essential that all new members engage with mental wellness curriculum early in their member experience. The Strong Arms education focuses on:

1. *Staying Connected and Spiritual;*
2. *The Importance of Self-Care;*
3. *Dealing with a Crisis;*
4. *Seeking Strong Arms and Receiving Help from Others, and;*
5. *Encountering Challenges and Being Resilient.*

The Reach Out App

Sigma Chi offers the Reach Out App to all its members to assist in times of need. Reach Out Editions helps connect members of all communities who are in need to both in-house and community resources, such as helplines, counseling services, emergency responders, rape crisis centers, legal aid services and medical care providers. The college and university editions also focus on campus sexual misconduct, but can expand the scope to other areas such as substance abuse, depression, disabilities, identity issues, etc.

Because every organization, such as Sigma Chi, is unique, every edition is customized — but all editions empower users by putting actionable information at their fingertips. Reach Out enables you to find answers to questions such as: What are your rights? What are your options? Who can help you and how can they help? No registration is required. The app is 100 percent anonymous.

Sigma Chi wants to ensure its members and others have all the resources necessary in times of need, therefore the partnership with Reach Out became a major priority. Reach Out is available for download in the app store for all Apple devices and in the Play Store for all Android devices. More information on the app can be found at capptivation.com.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

For more information...

To learn more about Sigma Chi's mental wellness initiatives, visit sigmachi.org/home/member-development-mental-wellness/.

SIGMA CHI STRONGARMS
Sponsored in memory of Keller Zibilich

"In Sigma Chi, we celebrate brotherhood and friendship. We learn to share our joys, sorrows and afflictions with one another, and through those life experiences, we become closer, more connected and devoted to each other. Treating depression and other mental health issues, however, requires a skill set beyond simply talking with a brother about a problem. It requires a special kind of assistance that allows our brothers to access professional help when they most need it.

As our brothers' keepers, we need to be aware of the warning signs, recognize when they are present, and quickly seek to get our brothers assistance. We can no longer stand idly by thinking brothers who suffer from depression or mental health illness will eventually resolve those issues on their own. The lasting impact that a loss of life has on a brother's family and our community and brotherhood are immeasurable, and oftentimes might have been avoided had we acted or, better yet, provided a resource for a person to seek guidance.

The Reach Out app represents hope for the future... that anyone who needs help is a phone call or click away from getting the help they need on their cell phone. I encourage all brothers to download the Reach Out app to their phone and familiarize themselves with the tools available so that we are ready to act when the time calls."

— 68th Grand Consul Michael Greenberg, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1982

DEFINING SELF-CONTROL

Being pure and noble in thoughts and actions and being able to approach life's circumstances and temptations with restraint.

Application Suggestions — Journal

P4B COURSE 3

Use the following application suggestions, readings and thought questions to deepen your learning during Course 3 of P4B. Journal your thoughts and the results of your actions in this section. Be prepared to discuss your learning insights with your Big Brother and with your pledge brothers at the next Preparation for Brotherhood Group Session.

- Reflect on why it is difficult for most people to take a stand on making values-based choices.
- Describe a few new areas of personal decision making you are facing on campus that will require some tough decisions. What support mechanisms do you have (or should you have) in place to ensure you will make values-based choices?
- Reflect on a situation you have faced recently that required making a hard choice. Did you stand alone, or did you receive strength to make a good choice with a little help from your friends? Have you been a friend to someone lately?
- Find a quote on self-control that you would like to share with your pledge brothers at your next group session. Record it on page 153 of this journal.

This week, make a ConnΣXtions with at least five chapter brothers. Discuss the following:

- When have you had to stand by your principles in your life?
- Do you have an accountability partner to assist you in making good decisions?
- What does Sigma Chi's Friendship, Justice and Learning mean to you and why do we try to live by these as our core purpose?

"No life ever grows great until it is focused, dedicated and disciplined."

— Henry Emerson Fosdick D.D., American Pastor (1878–1969)

THOUGHT QUESTIONS

What is your favorite line from the poem on the right? Why?

Do you think people behave as they do because of who they are, because of where they are, or because of who they are with?

Is there someone you know who emulates the qualities described in this poem? How so?

Journal 6

If

— Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all about you
  Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,

If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
  But make allowance for their doubting too;

If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
  Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,

Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
  And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
  If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
  And treat those two impostors just the same;

If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
  Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,

Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
  And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
  And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,

And lose, and start again at your beginnings
  And never breathe a word about your loss;

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
  To serve your turn long after they are gone,

And so hold on when there is nothing in you
  Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
  Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,

If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
  If all men count with you, but none too much;

If you can fill the unforgiving minute
  With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
  And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son

Journal
6

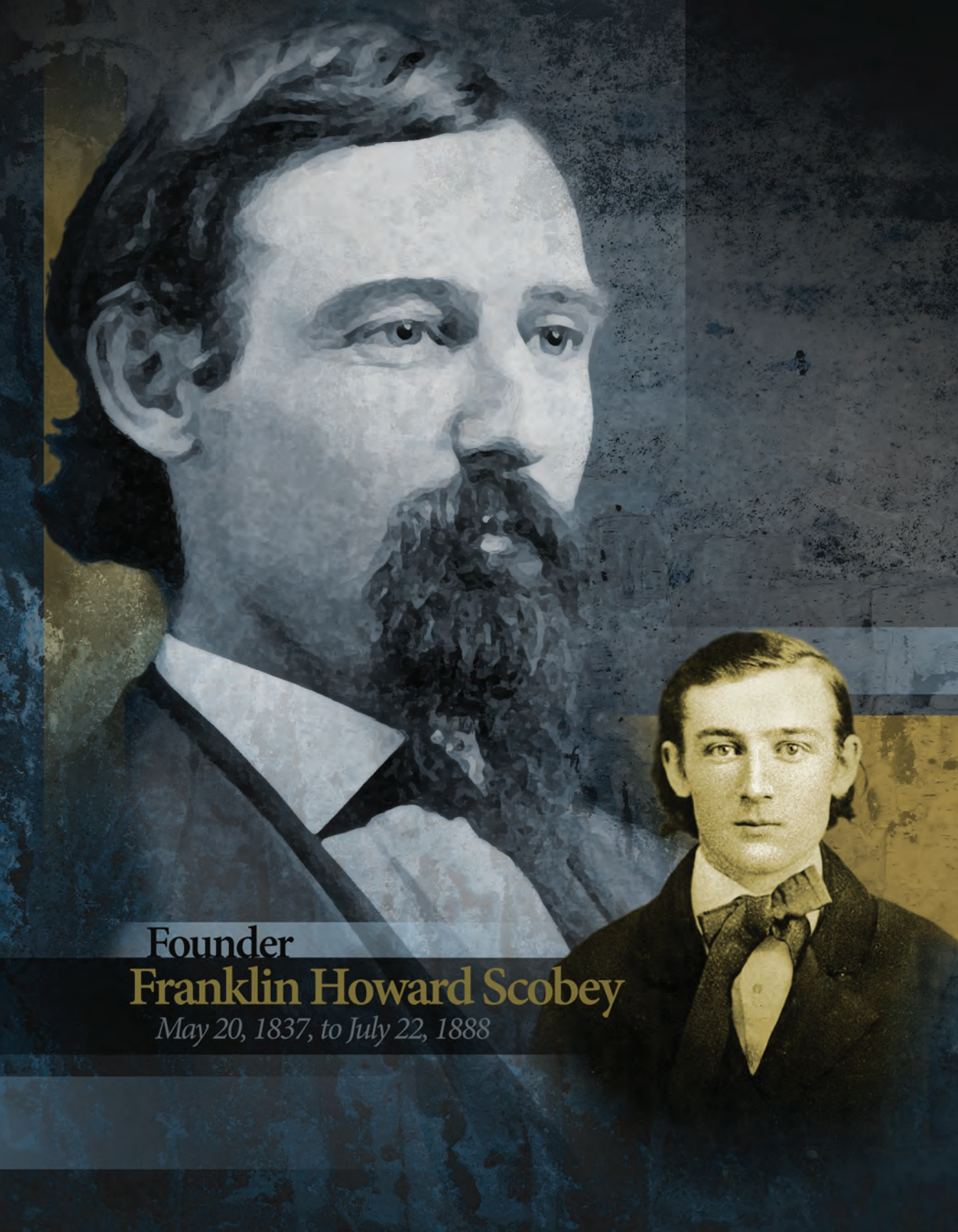
“He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city.”

— Proverbs 16:32

Journal 6

YOUR FAVORITE

In the space below, record your favorite quote about ***self-control*** — one that resonates with your own personal feelings.



Founder

Franklin Howard Scobey

May 20, 1837, to July 22, 1888

COURTESY

Scobey & Courtesy

Franklin Howard Scobey

CHAPTER 7

ABOUT THIS CHAPTER:

This chapter is designed to:

- Discuss the life and legacy of Founder Scobey,
- Define the meaning of *Courtesy* and describe how Founder Scobey applied it to his life,
- Explain the purpose and intent of *The Spirit* and define what Sigma Chi really means by "different temperaments, talents and convictions,"
- Explain the events that led to the formation of the Constantine Chapter.
- Describe the Manners and Etiquette practiced by all Sigma Chis as well as the reason we practice them,
- Explain the history of the *Sweetheart of Sigma Chi* song and discuss how it is used today,
- Define the role a Sigma Chi sweetheart plays within the chapter,
- Describe the Mission 365 program and the daily responsibility of each member to assist in recruiting potential Sigma Chi Brothers,
- Provide suggestions about applying the principle of courtesy to your life and journaling space to document your insights and learning.

You will find more information about all of the above topic areas on *Sigma Chi Online, Preparation for Brotherhood, Course 4*.

Chapter 7

Introduction

Courtesy

While many virtues make men leaders, courtesy makes leaders men.

Defining Courtesy

Showing politeness and manners in one's attitude and behavior toward others — being respectful in nature and loyal in friendship.

Courtesy directs a leader to remember that he leads people, not objects. As such, a good leader seeks to understand the needs and motivations of those he leads and treats them with courtesy and respect.

We attribute courtesy with Founder Scobey's name. Runkle spoke highly of Franklin Howard Scobey and wrote: "Frank Scobey, boy and man, was one of those whom everybody wanted everywhere at the same time. Of all those that I have ever been closely associated with, he was the brightest, the most cheerful, the sunniest. Do not understand that he was lacking in the strong qualities of manhood because he was loving and cheery. Sunshine is the most powerful agency of nature. The world would be dead without it. But this brother was never gloomy; no clouds seemed to shadow his life; he was the same to all at all times. The element of selfishness was as far from his nature as light from darkness. He cared nothing for money as money and yet he was the closest friend and companion of the only one of the Founders (Lockwood) who exhibited much trace of the commercial instinct."

Franklin Howard Scobey

Franklin Howard Scobey, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1858**, was born in Hamilton, Ohio, and was 18 years old at the time of the founding of Sigma Chi. Despite his agreeable nature, Scobey joined Benjamin Piatt Runkle, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, in leading the rebellion within Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE), demonstrating his belief that principle outweighs blind loyalty. Scobey was not only the main proponent of what is called *The Spirit of Sigma Chi*, but he was the embodiment of that philosophy.

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

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

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

Founder Facts
Franklin Howard Scobey

May 20, 1837, to July 22, 1888

ACADEMICS

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

PROFESSIONAL

Editor, Telegraph, Hamilton, Ohio, 1867 to 1879 • cattleman, Kansas, 1879 to 1882 • farmer, Woods Station, Ohio, 1882 to 1888

FRATERNITY

Embodied *The Spirit of Sigma Chi* and lead the rebellion with Runkle within DKE

MILITARY

Sergeant, Third Ohio Infantry, U.S. Army, 1861

MEMORIAL

Greenwood Cemetery, Hamilton, Ohio

For more information about Founder Scobey, please visit the Sigma Chi Historical Initiative's website at sigmachi.org/history.

Scobey is best remembered for his optimism, loyalty and cheerful disposition.

Chapter 7

The Spirit of Sigma Chi

The establishment of Sigma Chi was a protest against artificiality and false pretense, a plea for personal independence, for congeniality and genuine friendship as the only natural basis of associations in a collegiate brotherhood. The Founders' unfortunate experience in Delta Kappa Epsilon, which they saw as a group focused on conformity for political gain, stirred their hearts and their spirit. They found it a necessity to allow and accept differences in points of views and opinions, realizing that doing so brought opportunities and pleasures. This "spirit" became documented as *The Spirit of Sigma Chi*, although the creation date and author is unknown.

The Spirit calls for men who are inherently different, as Sigma Chi is not a fraternity that seeks members who are all alike. It was the Founders' belief that a fraternity that had members of "different temperaments, talents and convictions" would thrive better than the fraternity that had members who are alike.

Though *The Spirit* welcomes and encourages disparity among the fraternity's brothers, it is expected that all members, in their differences, remain responsible, honorable, courteous, friendly — indeed all those characteristics that are also listed in *The Jordan Standard*.

DEBUNKING THE MYTH

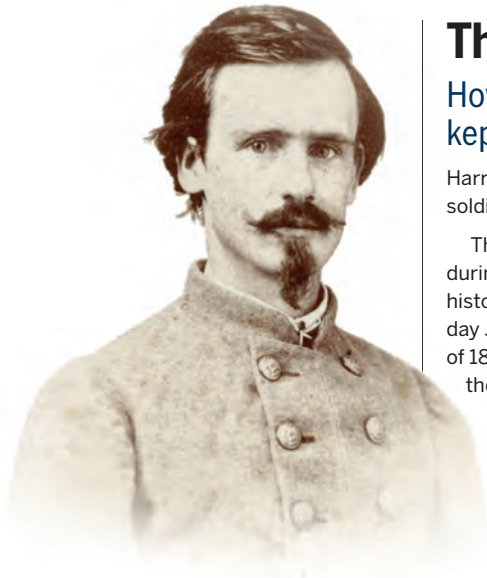
It is important that the concept of "different temperaments, talents and convictions" not be misunderstood to mean that one can take any action they choose and write it off as "being different." It is not a license for bad behavior.

The strength of this concept is to bring people of different types together for the common good of all. This is an extremely important distinction, and it should be re-emphasized that we expect that all members, in their differences, will remain responsible, honorable gentlemen.

The Spirit of Sigma Chi

The Spirit of Sigma Chi, as conceived by the Founders more than 160 years ago yet visible and alive today,is based on the theory that...

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



Harry St. John Dixon

The Constantine Chapter

How one man's respect for differences kept the Fraternity alive in the South

Harry St. John Dixon, **VIRGINIA 1861**, and his small band of Sigma Chi soldiers established the Constantine Chapter of Sigma Chi.

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

"In excuse of the irregular proceeding it must be remembered that with one or two exceptions all the colleges in the South suspended during the war; and those which continued operations did so pro forma only. It was ascertained that a number of the Fraternity were in the Army of Tennessee under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston during the Atlanta campaign in 1864. The idea was to preserve the order in the Confederacy. It was conceded that the South was forever disunited from the general government; and, all the chapters throughout the South having ceased to exist unless the members of the order preserved it by organization, it was conceived that whatever the termination of the war, it would cease to exist. Furthermore, it was deemed expedient that we should know each other and our several commands for the purposes of relief in distress, and communication in case of need, with our Northern brethren. The death of many comrades, and the constant danger of being taken prisoner, a fate worse we thought than death, ripened an idea long in my mind. We felt cut off from all communication with the rest of the world, hemmed in and fighting for life. Every college in the South was closed. In the ruin at hand my sentiment was to preserve the lofty principles typified by the White Cross. There was no means of outer communication. There was no central place where to rally. I know that I had no authority to establish a chapter of Sigma Chi outside a college, or at all; but, isolated as we were, all of us in the army doubtless of Southern blood, I thought to raise the standard and fix a rallying point, which would preserve the existence of the order, whether we failed or not in our struggle for independence, as an institution in which we as Southern soldiers had participated, in order not only to subserve private benefit, but in order to have means of communicating with our brethren of the North, all of them, no doubt, in arms against us."

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

Throughout the war, Dixon kept informed of all Sigma Chis known to be in the vicinity, and he recorded their names upon the flyleaf of his diary. With the plan for a Confederate Army chapter fully formed, he and Harry Yerger, **MISSISSIPPI 1864**, who was in Dixon's division, contacted all brothers who might reach the place selected for the meeting. To describe this gathering otherwise than in the words of Dixon, himself, would be but to lose the picturesque reality of it:

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

The chapter elected Dixon as "Sigma," or president, and Yerger as "Chi," or vice president. Other brothers known to be involved in this chapter include Reuben T. Pollard, **MISSISSIPPI 1861**; Evan J. Shelby, **MISSISSIPPI 1862**; and William H. Bolton, **LAGRANGE (TENNESSEE) 1862**.
The Constantine Chapter initiated two men, Thomas N. Fowler, **CONSTANTINE CHAPTER 1864**, and Augustus Raffington, **CONSTANTINE CHAPTER 1864**.

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

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

The memorial of Henry St. John Dixon, VIRGINIA 1861, can be found in Mountain View Cemetery in Fresno, Calif.

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

Chapter 7

QUESTION FOR YOU

What is it about Sigma Chi that compelled Dixon to put aside his differences for the good of the order?

Manners and Etiquette

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

As a Sigma Chi, you are expected to conduct yourself as a gentleman and a good citizen. Your actions reflect not only on yourself, but also on those around you. Many times, the first impression we give is the one that lasts the longest.

MEAL ETIQUETTE

- Before taking your seat at the table, remain standing until everyone has arrived at their chairs.
- Upon sitting down, place your napkin in your lap with the folded edge facing you. Should you get up during the dinner with plans to return to the table, place your napkin on your chair seat. When you are finished, place your napkin to the left of your plate on the table.
- When figuring out which plate and drinking glasses are for your use, think "**BMW**." Your **B**read plate will be to the left, your **M**eal in front of you and your **W**ater and other drinking glasses will be to your right side.
- Start with the utensils on the outside and work your way in. Your dessert fork and/or spoon is generally placed at the top of your place setting. Never place a used utensil on the table; place it on your plate.
- Once everyone at your table has been served and your host picks up his fork, you can begin eating.
- A properly-trained waitperson will serve your meal to you from your left and pick it up from your right.
- Food should be passed to the right when eating with a group.
- When passing the salt or pepper to someone, remember that they are a couple and should be passed together.
- Cut only the portion of food you plan to eat at the moment.
- Refrain from talking with food in your mouth.
- When eating bread, break off a small piece and then break it in half again before buttering it. When butter is passed, take what you need and place it on your bread or salad plate.
- When you are finished with your meal, place your fork and knife together in the center of your plate. This signals to the wait staff that you are finished.
- It is impolite to use a toothpick or groom yourself at the table. This should be reserved for the restroom.

MAKING A TOAST

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

SIGMA CHI GRACE

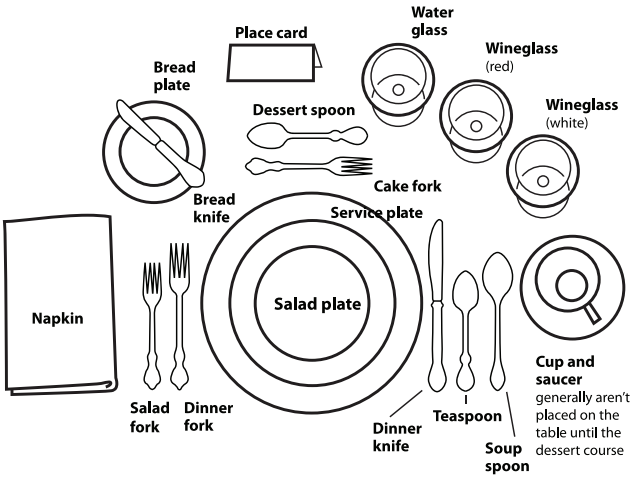
by Hazel Hollingsworth
Oklahoma State housemother, 1947

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

Amen.

- When greeting others who are sitting at a table, never shake their hands across the table. Walk around and greet them and shake their hands away from directly over the table. You are less likely to knock something over on the table.
- Cell phones should be silenced while in a restaurant or eating with others. Should you need to take a call, excuse yourself and leave the table to a private place to have a phone conversation. This goes for text messaging as well.

FORMAL PLACE SETTING



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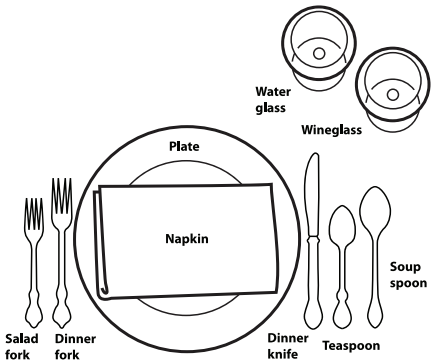
INFORMAL PLACE SETTING



Utensils are placed one inch from the edge of the table

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TOASTS AT FORMAL FRATERNITY GATHERINGS

It is a Sigma Chi tradition at formal gatherings and banquets to make a toast to the heads of state of the countries in which Sigma Chi has chapters. Proper protocol indicates that the first toast should always be to the head of state for the country in which the event is being hosted, and the following toasts to the respective heads of the other countries represented. Currently, the Fraternity has chapters in the United States and Canada.

- The toast to the President of the United States never changes. Regardless of location or substance of the event, the toaster stands, raises a glass, asks the members of the audience to stand and addresses the crowd by saying, "Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States." The proper response from the audience is, "To the President."
- Because the country of Canada is a member nation of the English Commonwealth, the toast to the head of state of Canada is addressed to the King of England or the King of the Commonwealth. Most commonly referred to as "The Loyal Toast," the proper etiquette for toasting the King of the Commonwealth is for the toaster to stand and say the following: "Ladies and gentlemen, I would now ask you to stand, with glass in hand, and join me in a toast to His Majesty King Charles the Third, King of Canada. (After allowing the audience to stand, the toaster raises his glass and continues by saying) Ladies and gentlemen, to the King of Canada/le Roi du Canada (the French can be substituted for the English or said in addition to the English)." The proper response from the audience is to raise a glass and respond with, "The King." Protocol also indicates that any beverage except for cocktails can be used in the toast, but wine or water is the preferred drink, and no clinking of glasses occurs.

TIE YOUR TIE

Know how to tie a tie. There are several ways to do so and a different look or style can be achieved with different techniques. (See the diagrams on the following pages for the basics.) Your tie should extend to the bottom of your belt buckle. Tied too short or too long, it can give off an unprofessional look. The same goes for goofy design ties. Stripes or polka dot ties provide the most professional impression. Also, to preserve the life and appearance of a tie, it should be undone and hung up to relax any wrinkles after each wearing.

Half-Windsor

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

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

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

4. Then bring the wide end up.

DRESS

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

GROOMING DETAILS

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

CONVERSATION AND LISTENING ETIQUETTE

Here are some successful habits you should develop to enhance your conversation and communication skills:

- Make a great first impression. Proper dress, a firm handshake, a smile and eye contact all give others a positive impression.
- When wearing a name tag, always place it on the right side of your shoulder. It is easier to read when you are shaking hands with someone.
- If holding a glass or drink, hold it in your left hand so when shaking hands, your right hand will not be cold and wet.
- Exhibit positive body language when talking with someone, as it really tells how you feel about another person.

- When you are with another person, always introduce that person to friends and acquaintances you meet. A general rule is that persons of lesser authority are introduced to persons of greater authority. Example, "Mike, this is Mr. Santoli, president of our Fraternity. Mr. Santoli, Mike is my roommate and a potential recruit."
- Remember a person's name and be ready to offer up your name if someone may have forgotten your name. To help remember someone's name, repeat it back in the conversation. "Loren, it is a pleasure meeting you." People like hearing their own name and it also will help you recall it in the future. Use their name occasionally in the conversation and again when you depart. "Loren, I look forward to talking with you again."
- Get to know the people around you; learn about their cultures and traditions. Learn and ask about their backgrounds, passions and visions. People like to talk about their families and themselves.
- Maintain eye contact when talking with someone.
- Remember common interests so that you can reference them in future conversations.
- Sincerely listen when another person is talking. Look the person in the eye and occasionally nod your head and give verbal clues to show you are engaged in the conversation. This tells others that you are interested in them.
- It is best to not interrupt or monopolize a conversation.
- Pay sincere compliments as a great way to get a conversation started and make others feel good. There is something special about everyone and you should seek to find it and compliment it.
- Always be up-to-date on current events and use them in a conversation. Also, an appropriate joke or humor is always appreciated.
- The best advice is to develop an attitude in your dealings with others, which puts their needs and comfort ahead of your own and act accordingly.

INVITATIONS

Most social events begin with some form of an invitation.

- Invitations to casual social gatherings are often issued over the phone, email or some other electronic medium that usually requires an immediate response if you are attending.

- Invitations to more formal events are typically in writing. It is always correct to respond to any written invitation in writing unless they request a reply in some other manner (e.g., a phone number or email address).
- Never fail to respond to an invitation if it is requested that you do so.
- R.S.V.P. is the abbreviation for the French "répondez s'il vous plaît" which means "please reply." "R.S.V.P.," "Please reply" or "The favor of a reply is requested" on an invitation means that you must say whether you will or will not attend. "Regrets" or "Regrets only" require a response only if you will not attend.

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

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

7. Again, bring the wide end up and through the loop.

8. Then, bring the wide end down through the knot in front.

9. And — using both hands — tighten the knot carefully and draw it up to the collar.

THANK YOUS

There is a great sense of etiquette in sending "thank you" notes for most all occasions. Invitations to formal social events, job interviews and the receipt of gifts should all be followed with a written acknowledgment and words of appreciation. Casual "thank you" sentiments can be expressed by phone or email; however, written, personalized and mailed notes on quality stationary are always considered best.

TECH ETIQUETTE

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

- Turn off or silence cell phones whenever you are in a setting where ring tones or notification sounds might disturb others. Classrooms, meetings, restaurants and libraries are obvious places where one should not hear phones ringing. Also, remember that ring tones give others an impression of you. Use taste when selecting yours.
- Social networking websites are in tremendous use and can be a great way to connect to others. Remember though that everything that you place on those sites can and will be viewed by many others, including your parents, school officials and prospective employers. Don't place anything online that you would regret later having everyone see. A digital copy of it will exist somewhere out on the Web. Deleting something does not necessarily mean that it will be deleted permanently.
- It is inappropriate to take unauthorized pictures of others with cell phones or cameras and, even worse, to post the photographs on the Internet.
- Emails, social networking sites or text messages are not private conversations. They are all viewable by others and should not contain inappropriate messages.
- Always use a spell-check tool before sending an email.
- Avoid sending an email or communication when you are upset. Generally, your attitude about a situation will change if you give yourself a little time to calm down.
- When sending an email, avoid using UPPERCASE text; it suggests that you are shouting.
- "Replying to all addresses" in an email should be avoided and can cause embarrassing results if used unintentionally.
- When making a professional or business phone call, it is advisable to always identify yourself before asking to speak to someone: "Hello, this is Dennis Santoli, may I speak to Mike Church?"
- Before putting someone on hold, always ask for permission and wait for a response.
- Use "call waiting" wisely. If you are on the phone with someone and are expecting an important or urgent call, let your current caller know in advance so he will be prepared for the interruption. Otherwise, don't be rude to your current conversation by switching between calls.
- When leaving a voicemail message, make it brief and concise, and always leave a callback number and the time you called.
- Make certain that your answering message is professional. People who don't know you will form an impression about you based on what they hear on your message.
- Text messaging during meetings, classes, worship services, movies, dates and private events should not be done. Even checking stock updates or sports scores on your cell phone while you are attending any of the aforementioned events is inappropriate.

Bow Tie

1. Place the bow tie around your neck, situating it so that end "A" is about two inches longer than end "B".

2. Cross end "A" over end "B".

3. Bring end "A" up and under the loop.

4. Now double end "B" over itself to form the front base loop of the bow tie.

Tracom SOCIAL STYLE™

When the Sigma Chi International Fraternity launched the Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit in 1999, it partnered with Tracom to deliver a transformational education in understanding social intelligence — which is the ability to get along well with others, and to build positive relationships. Tracom's SOCIAL STYLE™ assessment is used by thousands of global organizations because it's ***the Easiest to Learn, Teach, Remember and Apply***.

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Decades of research into workplace success have shown that all people are one of four SOCIAL STYLES™, each with preferred ways of acting, thinking and making decisions. Understanding those preferences, and applying Versatility strategies, helps you determine the best way to successfully interact with everyone.

Social intelligence develops from experience with people and learning from success and failures in social settings. It is simply an awareness of situations and the social dynamics that govern them, as well as a knowledge of interaction styles and strategies that can help you achieve your objectives in dealing with others. It involves self-insight and a consciousness of one's own communication style and behavioral patterns.

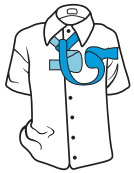
To supplement learning in Horizons, Sigma Chi Leadership Institute has partnered with Tracom to integrate SOCIAL STYLE™ into Mission 365 character-based recruitment and into its Transformational Leadership Certificates featured at Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop.

SCLI's goal is for each member to learn his individual SOCIAL STYLE™ featured on the graphic depicted on this page. There are four SOCIAL STYLES™: Analytical, Driving, Expressive and Amiable. Sigma Chi brothers will complete self-assessments on their own behaviors and have their peers complete 360-degree feedback reports that speak to their observable behaviors and communication strategies.

The important outcomes of SOCIAL STYLE™ leadership education are:

- Discover their own SOCIAL STYLE and how it affects interactions with others;
- Be able to determine the SOCIAL STYLE of other people;
- Understand how to manage tension in order to increase their productivity;
- Learn how to become more empathetic to others' perceptions and stress;
- Discover their level of Versatility — the ability to change behavior to work better with others.

5. Loop end "A" over the center of the loop you just formed.



6. Holding everything in place, double end "A" back on itself and poke it through the loop behind the bow tie.

7. Adjust the bow tie by tugging at the ends of it and straightening the center knot.

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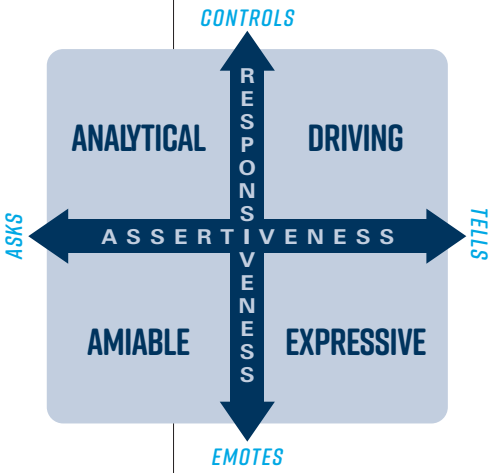


The International Sweetheart

INTERNATIONAL SWEETHEART—2023 to 2025

Jordan Garrett
Oklahoma State University

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

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

Chapter sweethearts are chosen in a variety of ways according to each chapter's protocol. In general, those chosen are nominated for chapter sweetheart by chapter members. The nominees can be anyone that would serve as an ambassador for the chapter. The nominees are then voted upon by the chapter members based on a set of criteria much like the process used to choose the International Sweetheart. The announcement of the chapter's sweetheart is commonly done at a chapter's formal event held in the spring. The chapter sweetheart can then fill out an application for consideration as the recipient of the International Sweetheart Award of Sigma Chi.

From left to right in this photo are Sweetheart finalists Paige Moon (University of Utah), Luna Clements (Baylor University) and 2023-2025 International Sweetheart Jordan Garrett (Oklahoma State University)

The 1955 sweetheart finalists leave the airport aboard a motorcade to attend the 50th (Centennial) Grand Chapter meeting held in Cincinnati.

Song, Cinema and Sweethearts

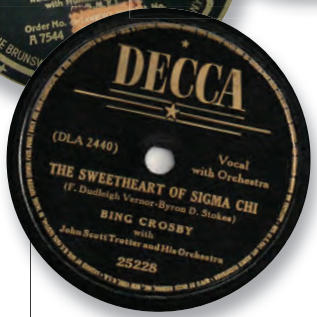
In an age of "flash in the pan" hit songs, it may be difficult to visualize the long-lasting popularity of the song entitled *The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi*. It has been recorded by dozens of vocalists, arranged by scores of orchestras and became a favorite of the big-band era. Matinee idol Rudy Vallee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

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

Almost from its inception, the Vernor/Stokes ballad was interpreted as an evocation of that special dream girl, a concept certainly furthered by the release in 1933 of a romantic comedy film entitled *The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi*. By the time of the second Hollywood release in 1946 of a film by the same name — it can hardly be called a remake, as it featured an entirely different plot and cast of characters — the Fraternity felt obliged to reclaim the image of the sweetheart from the moviedom moguls who had tarnished both the concept and the Fraternity's image with their somewhat tasteless offerings.

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

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



Shown above are just a handful of the myriad examples of movie posters, sheet music and record albums that featured *The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi*.

A Sig I Am

Happy Day
Words by Richard Hughes,
WOOSTER 1884,
Walter Reynolds,
WOOSTER 1886,
and Mc Clure Todd,
WOOSTER 1887

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

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

Sing a Song to Sigma Chi

by Ellis Jones, **OHIO STATE 1897**

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

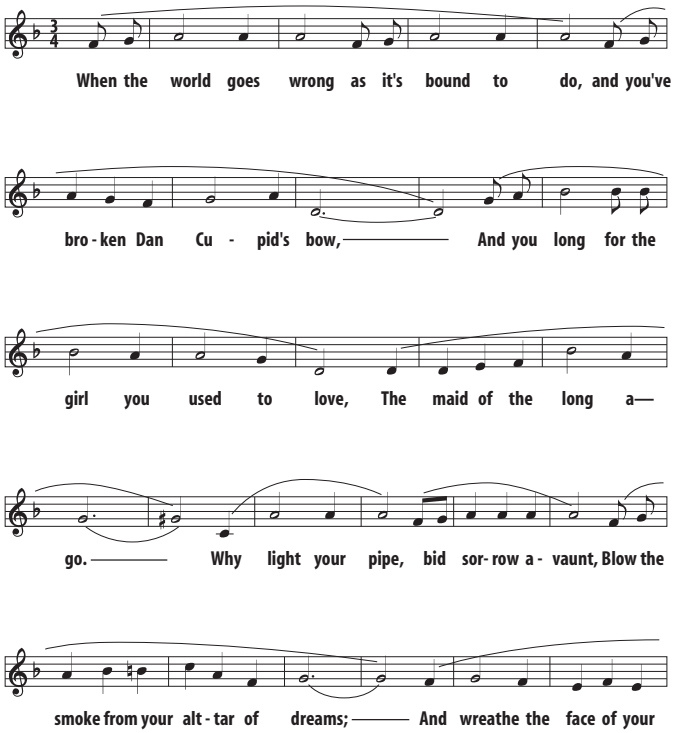
Then Here's To Our Fraternity

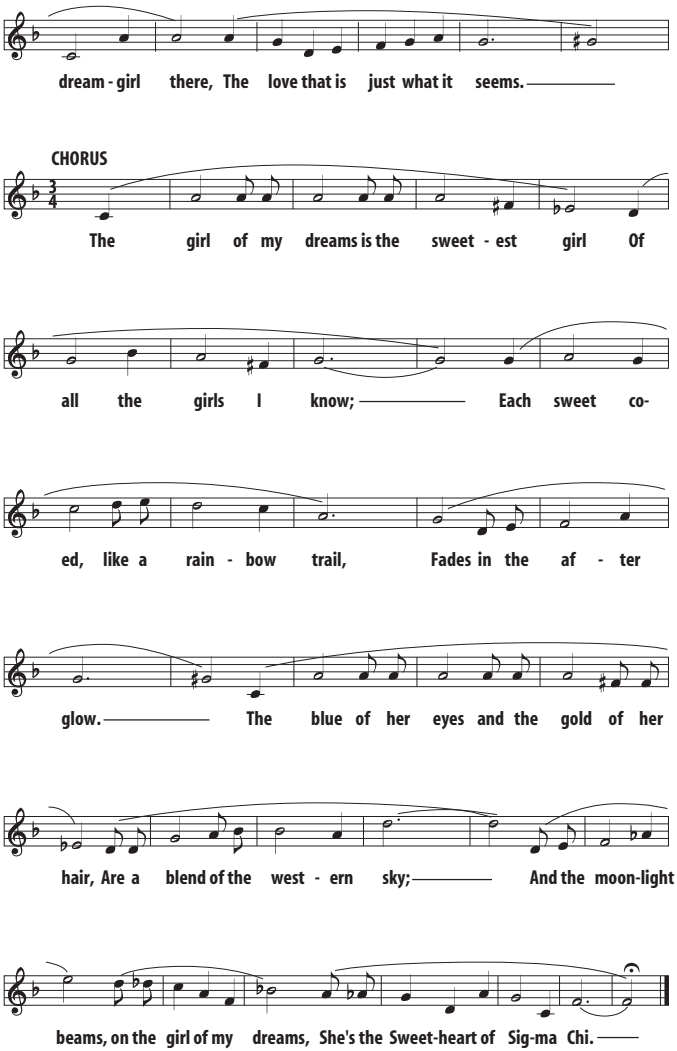
Composed by Beta chapter,
Wooster
Arranged by Milton Anderson,
CINCINNATI 1950

Then here's to our Fraternity,
and may she never die.
May heav'n preserve
the Blue and Gold;
and The Cross of Sigma Chi.

Oh, Sigma Chi,
Oh, Sigma Chi,
I grieve that we must part.
Oh, Sigma Chi,
thy snowy Cross;
is blazoned on my heart.

Words by Byron Stokes, **ALBION 1913**
Music by Dudleigh Vernor, **ALBION 1914**





SONGS OF SIGMA CHI

Hark! The Sigs

Words by Melvin Coleman, **CHICAGO 1898**;
Music by Earle Smith, **CHICAGO 1908**

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

Come Brothers, Sing

William Steele, **ILLINOIS 1896**

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

CHORUS

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

II

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

III

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

MISSION 365 RECRUITMENT

Chapter 7

Learning Linkages

Mission 365

Mission 365 teaches character-based recruitment and leadership skills to the entire chapter or to individuals seeking to learn how to cultivate friendship skills with others. The program is designed to provide our undergraduate brothers with the skills to recruit quality men into our fraternity. Realizing that recruitment is the means by which we perpetuate our Ritual and Fraternity, Mission 365 provides micro-certificate recruitment-focused courses that support our undergraduate brothers in looking for men of good character 365 days a year.

The core curriculum explores Sigma Chi's recruitment philosophy, summarizes selection criteria and reviews Sigma Chi's "differentiators" in the world. Additionally, the core curriculum defines the social intelligence skills our undergraduate brothers use to find and recruit the best potential brothers and helps each brother successfully articulate a personal "elevator speech" to use in their chapter's upcoming recruitment efforts.

Courses within the Mission 365 program include: *Selecting Men of Character*, which focuses on the values-based bidding of potential new members; *Marketing Our Differentiators*, which emphasizes using The Transformational Leader program as a way to recruit members looking for more value in their Greek-letter experience; *The Spirit of Sigma Chi*, which focuses on diversity and inclusion to evolve a chapter's recruitment; and *Building Enduring Friendship*, which applies using communication strategies to assess character and cultivate the finer feelings of the heart in new members.

The Mission 365 program provides our chapters the opportunity to learn essential recruitment skills for fraternity life and the professional world. The principles learned in Mission 365 are based on the recruitment practices of the ***Best*** fraternities and the ***Best*** companies in order to find and recruit the highest quality people to enrich their organizations.

Mission 365 is grounded in our philosophy that recruitment must be a 365-day process of seeking the highest quality men on campus ... a quest for the best.

CHAPTER 7: *Scobey & Courtesy*

The Mission 365 program is designed to:

- *Define what Quest for the Best means to Sigma Chi,*
- *Outline our recruitment process and techniques guided by Sigma Chi values and ideals, and*
- *Practice the social intelligence skills essential to finding and recruiting "The Best" potential brothers 365 days a year utilizing the Jordan Standard.*

Mission 365 is facilitated by alumni volunteers and staff who have been specially educated within the Sigma Chi Facilitator Academy to deliver the program.

The General Fraternity funds Mission 365, with the Sigma Chi Foundation providing a portion. There is no cost to chapters receiving the program, as long as 90 percent of the chapter's membership attends.

For more information and to request the program, go to sigmachi.org/scli-programs, then click on Mission 365.

Recruitment is every brother's responsibility.

365 Day a year you should...

- *Look for opportunities to make new friends,*
- *Present a positive image of Sigma Chi,*
- *Gather as much information as possible about high-potential candidates to make an informed assessment using* The Jordan Standard *criteria,*
- *Convince high-potential candidates that Sigma Chi offers immediate and lifelong benefits, then*
- *Make new member recommendations to the chapter.*

Different Temperaments, Talents and Convictions

The Scobey Spirit Initiative was launched by the 69th Grand Consul, Mike Ursillo, **BROWN 1978**, in 2015 to study changing trends in student enrollments at institutions of higher education in order to identify areas of fraternity operation that could be modified or enhanced to ensure the Fraternity's future relevancy in terms of its appeal to all students.

Since its inception, this committee has taken research across higher education and developed a commission focusing on how to apply Sigma Chi values, ideals and the concept of Different Temperaments, Talents and Convictions in The Spirit of Sigma Chi to diversity and inclusion within Sigma Chi undergraduate chapters.

Sigma Chi's Statement on Diversity

Sigma Chi fosters an environment of inclusion within our chapters. Chapters should consider all of the various dimensions of diversity (race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, physical ability, region and socio-economic background, etc.). Brothers are challenged to reach out to men who share our values and exemplify different temperaments, talents and convictions.

Recruitment must be a 365-day process of seeking the highest quality men on campus… a Quest for the Best.

Courtesy

DEFINING COURTESY

Showing politeness and manners in one's attitude and behavior toward others — being respectful in nature and loyal in friendship.

Application Suggestions — Journal

P4B COURSE 4

Use the following application suggestions, readings and thought questions to deepen your learning during Course 4 of P4B. Journal your thoughts and the results of your actions in this section. Be prepared to discuss your learning insights with your Big Brother and with your pledge brothers at the next Preparation for Brotherhood Group Session.

- Describe a recent situation in which the application of social etiquette gave you an advantage or worked in your favor.
- Respect for others seems to be dying. What is it about the world we live in today that causes individuals to be disrespectful to others?
- Find a quote on courtesy you would like to share with your pledge brothers at your next group session. Record it on page 179 of this journal.

ConnΣXtion

Journal 7

This week, make ConnΣXtions with at least five chapter brothers. Discuss the following:

- How does *The Spirit of Sigma Chi* apply to the chapter today and to your own life?
- In what ways do you attempt to exhibit courtesy to others?
- In general, to whom are you most courteous (e.g., grandparents, parents, friends, professors, girlfriend, brothers, pledges or another group)?
- Are you more courteous to one group than another? Why?

Before the Next Group Session:

- Write a letter to your parents in appreciation for what they have done to forge your character. Use the following guidelines (if comfortable doing so).
  - ✓ *Explain the circumstances of your writing. Remember that the development of most of the character traits honored by Sigma Chi were formed in your home under the supervision of your parents.*
  - ✓ *Emphasize the great debt that your owe your parents. Thank them for their devotion to your upbringing.*
  - ✓ *Place the letter in an envelope, address it and hand it to your Magister at the next pledge group meeting.*

“Nothing is ever lost by courtesy. It is the cheapest of pleasures, costs nothing, and conveys much. It pleases him who gives and him who receives and thus, like mercy, is twice blessed.”

— Erastus Wiman, Journalist (1884–1904)

Journal 7

“Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.”

— William Shakespeare, Poet (1564–1616)

THOUGHT QUESTIONS

How have you shown ***courtesy*** to a friend/a pledge brother in the last few days/weeks?

Is there weakness in putting others first, or before you?

How does this compare or differ from the concept of brotherhood?

Journal 7

The Art of Friendship

—Wilford A. Peterson

The first step in the art of friendship is to be a friend,
then making friends takes care of itself.
To be a friend a man should believe in the inherent goodness of other men
and in their potential greatness.

To be a friend a man should strive to lift people up,
not cast them down;
to encourage, not discourage;
to set an example that will be an inspiration to others.

To be a friend a man should practice the companionship of silence
and the magic of words
that his speech may build and not destroy,
help and not hinder.

To be a friend a man should close his eyes to the faults of others
and open them to his own.

To be a friend a man should not attempt to reform or reprimand,
but should strive only to make others happy if he can.

To be a friend a man should be himself,
it should not be done with hypocrisy, artificiality and pretense;
he should meet and mingle with people in quiet simplicity and humility.

To be a friend a man should be tolerant;
he should have an understanding heart and a forgiving nature,
knowing that all men stumble now and then
and that he who never made a mistake never accomplished anything.

To be a friend a man should go more than halfway with his fellow man;
he should greet others first and not wait to be greeted;
he should radiate a spirit of overflowing good will.

To be a friend a man should remember that we are human magnets;
that like attracts like, and that what we give, we get.

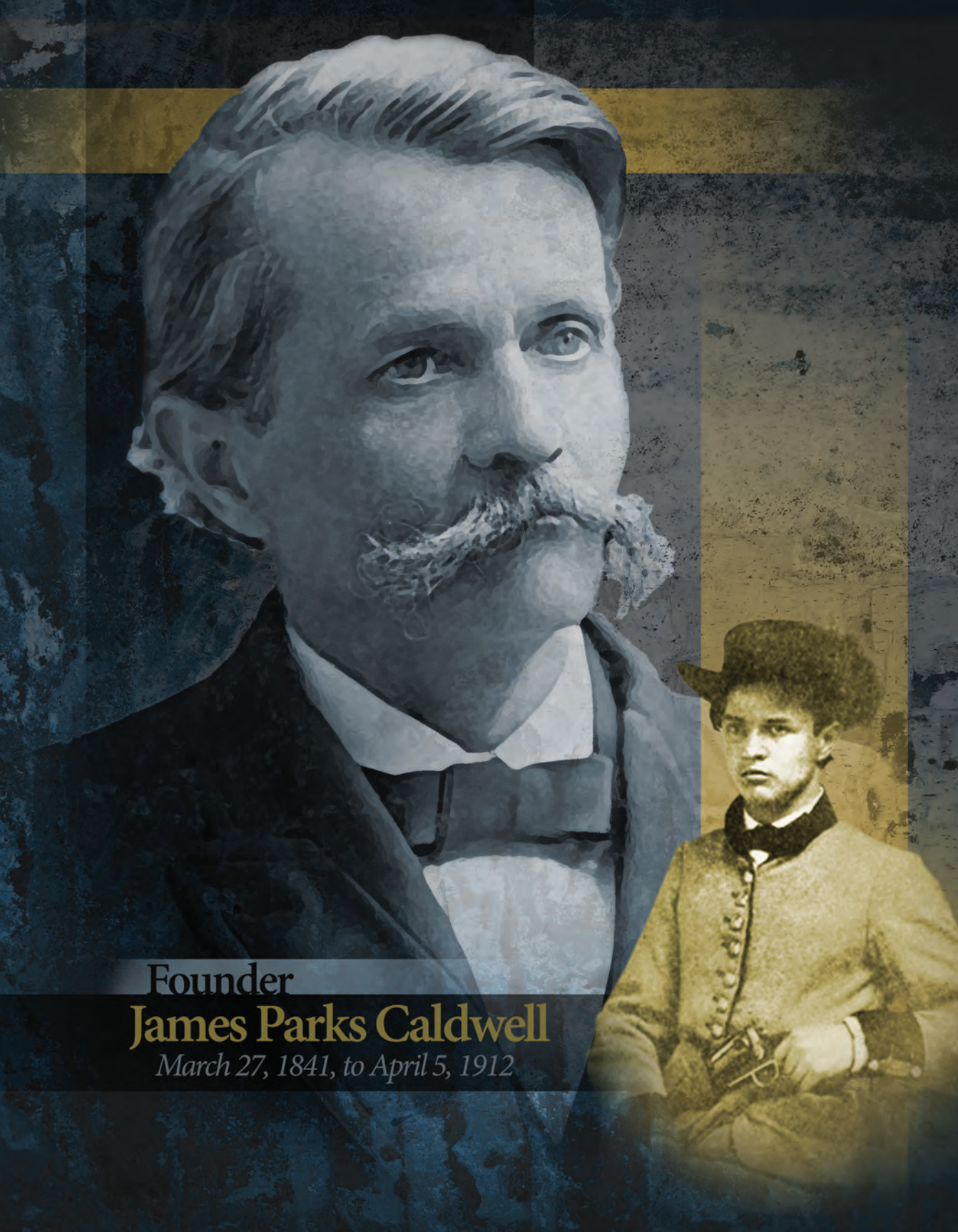
To be a friend a man should recognize that no man knows all the answers,
and that he should add each day to his knowledge
of how to live the friendly way.

“A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.”

— Saint Basil

YOUR FAVORITE

In the space below, record your favorite quote about ***courtesy*** — one that resonates with your own personal feelings.



Founder

James Parks Caldwell

March 27, 1841, to April 5, 1912

FIDELITY

Caldwell & *Fidelity*

James Parks Caldwell

CHAPTER 8

Introduction

Fidelity

ABOUT THIS CHAPTER:

This chapter is designed to:

- Discuss the life and legacy of Founder Caldwell,
- Define the meaning of *Fidelity* and describe how a Sigma Chi would apply this value to their life,
- Explain the purpose of the Ritual Committee and the process that will occur in the years to come to deepen your understanding of our Ritual,
- Provide suggestions about applying the principle of fidelity to your life and journaling space to document your insights and learning.

You will find more information about all of the above topic areas on *Sigma Chi Online, Preparation for Brotherhood, Course 4*.

Fidelity, allegiance, fealty, loyalty, devotion are all words used to mean faithfulness to something to which one is bound by pledge or duty. In Sigma Chi, we define the value of Fidelity in the following way.

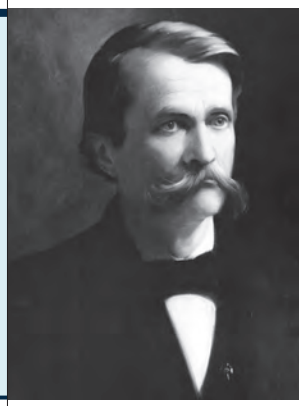
Defining Fidelity

Remaining true to principle, loyal and faithful to a higher power, whether it be a chapter, state, nation or supreme being.

We attribute fidelity with Founder Caldwell's name. During the dedication of Founder Caldwell's monument, Bolon Turner, Executive Secretary of the Founders' Monument Commission said:

> "Thus, it was that my thoughts turned to James Parks Caldwell, the life he lived, the example or pattern he left for us all. A man of ideals, who in his life displayed that fidelity to principle to the extent of offering to sacrifice his all for it. A man who illustrated early in his life that the ideals which form the foundation of Sigma Chi are even stronger [and] there was no one whose deeds and actions more clearly exemplified those ideals for which Sigma Chi stands. No one more than he could truthfully say when he went to his last resting place — I have fought the good fight. I have finished my work and above all I have kept the faith."

The life of James Parks Caldwell displayed fidelity to principle to the extent of offering to sacrifice his all for it.



James Parks Caldwell

James Parks Caldwell, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, born in Monroe, Ohio, was just 14 years old when he helped launch Sigma Chi. By the time he was 13, his progress through courses at the local academy covered everything offered, and he entered Miami University apparently with advanced credits. He graduated from Miami (Ohio) University soon after his 16th birthday. Shortly after his graduation, Caldwell moved to Mississippi around 1858 at the age of 17 and established a school. As a teacher, he was devoted to the community and established a strong loyalty to his friends.

During the Civil War, Caldwell enlisted in the Confederate Army at the age of 20 and spent the latter half of the war as a prisoner of war. Unbeknownst to Caldwell, he was offered his freedom by Benjamin Piatt Runkle, demonstrating lifelong fidelity to the brotherhood of Sigma Chi. Upon hearing of President Lincoln's death, Caldwell wrote in his diary "Sat. Apr. 15,1865 News of the assassination of Lincoln & Seward.

A cowardly act, doubtless the work of some fanatic radical…" After the war, Caldwell became a lawyer but in 1867, he moved to California to be near his sisters and worked as a newspaper editor. He moved back to Mississippi 10 years later and continued his law practice. His death came in 1912, in Biloxi, Miss. In his room were found the latest issues of The Sigma Chi Quarterly revealing his lifelong devotion to the Fraternity. He is buried in Biloxi Cemetery.

His obituary, April 5, 1912, in The Daily Herald of Gulfport, Miss., states: "His entire life is conspicuous for honorable and efficient service and that is why he held the respect and admiration of all who knew him. As a student, a soldier, a lawyer, a public official, he so conducted himself that he won only words of praise, and as a private citizen a man, a friend, he was cheerful, warm-hearted, and tender. He was a deep student, a man of lovable nature, of remarkable intellect and wide reading. His memory was wonderfully retentive, and his mind a store house of valuable knowledge. He kept abreast of public events and took a lively interest in the affairs of his own city and state, but it was when matters pertaining to college and fraternity life were brought up that he was at his best." He spent his life serving his community in whatever way he could, as a student, public servant, and friend. Caldwell's devotion and loyalty to his community in South Mississippi and Sigma Chi exemplify the core value of fidelity.

Caldwell is remembered for his creative genius, spirit of youth, and fidelity to principle.

Founder Facts
James Parks Caldwell

March 27, 1841, to April 5, 1912

Above: Caldwell just months before the Founding of Sigma Chi.

ACADEMICS

A.B., Miami University, 1857

PROFESSIONAL

Teacher, Mississippi, 1858 to 1859 • principal, Palmetto Academy, Panola County, Miss. 1860, 1865 to 1866 • admitted to the bar, Mississippi, 1866 • attorney, Los Angeles and San Bernardino, Calif., 1867 to 1875 • edited newspapers in Ohio • practiced law in Gulfport and Biloxi, Miss., 1887 to 1912

FRATERNITY

Helped form Sigma Chi at the age of 14

MILITARY

Private and first lieutenant of artillery, Confederate Army

MEMORIAL

Biloxi Cemetery, Biloxi, Miss.

For more information about Founder Caldwell, please visit the Sigma Chi Historical Initiative's website at sigmachi.org/history.

Sigma Chi Ritual Renaissance

The Sigma Chi Ritual includes the words, lessons, virtues and teachings by which Sigma Chis live their lives.

Learning Linkages

Ritual Renaissance

The core of the Sigma Chi experience is our Ritual. It includes the words, lessons, virtues and teachings by which Sigma Chis live their lives.

In 2011, the Ritual Renaissance and Revitalization Committee was established during the term of 67th Grand Consul Dennis Santoli, **CASE WESTERN 1967** to gain the support of all living Sigma Chis in reinvigorating our practice of the Ritual. In addition, the initiative has been helping all chapters and brothers appreciate the deepest meanings of the Ritual as well as teach Sigma Chis how to demonstrate its beauty and communicate its value.

The first goal of the committee was to discuss how to modernize the Ritualistic statutes which hadn't been updated since their original publication in 1955. Led by 65th Grand Consul and Chairman Bob Jones, **RENSSELAER 1973**, the successful adoption of a set of corrections to the statues was approved at 2012 Grand Council.

Since its inception, the committee has incorporated a Ritual proficiency requirement into the Annual Report/Peterson Significant Chapter Award process and, has certified nearly 200 individuals, known as Ritual Peers, in Ritual history, performance and exemplification.

Ritual Peers are armed with an extensive set of tools designed to help increase a chapter's connection to and understanding of Sigma Chi principles through its delivery of our Ritual.

Ritual Peers are trained to evaluate our undergraduate chapters and qualify them as proficient in conducting the Ritual, with proficiency a condition to winning a Peterson Award.

Ritual For Life

SIGMA CHI
Ritual *for* Life

In 2016, 69th Grand Consul Mike Ursillo, **BROWN 1978**, charged the Preparation for Brotherhood Committee to develop a comprehensive Ritual education curriculum for new initiates. In 2017, Ritual for Life (R4L) was launched.

R4L helps newly initiated brothers expand their understanding of the role of the Ritual in everyday Sigma Chi activities and in assuming the privileges and responsibilities of brotherhood. The program is structured, like P4B, using a blended instructional approach

R4L is designed to be conducted within days after initiation, but must be completed within 30 days following a member's initiation. The chapter's Kustos or Ritual Chairman leads the R4L sessions with assistance from a Ritual Peer.

The objectives of the program are to:

- *Examine the Ritual's history, evolution and interpretation.*
- *Comprehend and demonstrate the procedures of Ritualistic instruction, the Chapter Meeting and Ritualistic ceremonies.*
- *Affirm a lifelong commitment to the development of self, others and community through Sigma Chi's values-based living.*

FOUNDATIONAL LEADERSHIP
DISCOVERING SELF

In 2021, Sigma Chi Fraternity's Executive Committee made the completion of Ritual for Life a requirement of all new members. Moving forward, Ritual for Life is a major component of the Foundational Leadership Certificate, delivering transformational Ritual principles to all new members.

SIGMA CHI
Ritual *for* Life

Process-at-a-Glance
2020-2021 PILOT

	COURSE 1	COURSE 2	COURSE 3
Pre-Session eLearning Activities	**Pre-Session Modules** *(60 minutes)* Modules include: Intro to R4L, Three Eras, the Evolution of the Ritual, Ritual and Leadership, Ritual and Recruitment, How To Use the Ritual Book and Enlightenment		
Group Sessions *All Group Sessions will be facilitated by either the Kustos or Ritual Chairman*	**GROUP SESSION 1: Ritual Introduction (immediately after Initiation)** *(90 minutes)* • Purpose of R4L • Confidentiality of Ritual • Where are the Ritual Books? • Intro to Chapter Meetings ✓ Dress/behavior ✓ Why Ritual meetings are important ✓ Physical arrangement and why • Ritual in Chapter Meeting ✓ Ritualistic Procedures • Entering Late/Leaving Early • Memorization Requirements and Why • P4B AAR ✓ Were you prepared? ✓ What did you like best/least? ✓ Did initiation make sense? ✓ Did it connect with P4B? ✓ Which P4B activities best prepared you for your Initiation and why? • Date of Next Chapter Meeting	**GROUP SESSION 2: Ritual Interpretation** *(90 minutes)* • Meaning of Symbols/Colors • Mottoes • Ceremonies of Initiation • Relation of Ceremonies and P4B ✓ Man in the Glass/Q ✓ Jordan Standard and INT ✓ Illumination and Chapter Meeting	**GROUP SESSION 3: Ritual For Life** *(80 minutes)* • Understanding the Literature Within the Ritual • Practicing the Ritual Closing
Experiential Activities	**Mock Chapter Meeting/AAR** *(20 minutes)*	**Ritual Obligation** *(30 minutes)*	**My Charge** *(40 minutes)*
Post-Session Activities	• Discussion with Big Brother • Journaling in *The Norman Shield*	• Discussion with Big Brother • Journaling in *The Norman Shield* • Review Ritual Bridge Chapter in *The Norman Shield*	• Meet with Big Brother • Review and Measure *My Charge* Goals Every Six Months

Ritual for Life should be completed in 30 days as required by the Ritual Obligation laid out in the Ritualistic Statues within the Ritual Book

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Chapter 8

Fidelity

DEFINING FIDELITY

Remaining true to principle, loyal and faithful to a higher power, whether it be a chapter, state, nation or supreme being.

Application Suggestions — Journal

P4B COURSE 4

Use the following application suggestions, readings and thought questions to deepen your learning during Course 4 of P4B. Journal your thoughts and the results of your actions in this section. Be prepared to discuss your learning insights with your Big Brother and with your pledge brothers at the next Preparation for Brotherhood Group Session.

- In your life thus far, to what or to whom have you pledged your fidelity? Evaluate your faithfulness to that pledge.
- Who inspires you regarding the power and importance of fidelity in our lives?
- Find a quote on fidelity you would like to share with your pledge brothers at your next group session. Record it on page 191 of this journal.

ConnΣXtion

Journal 8

Continue your ConnΣXtions conversations with at least three new chapter brothers. Ask the following questions:

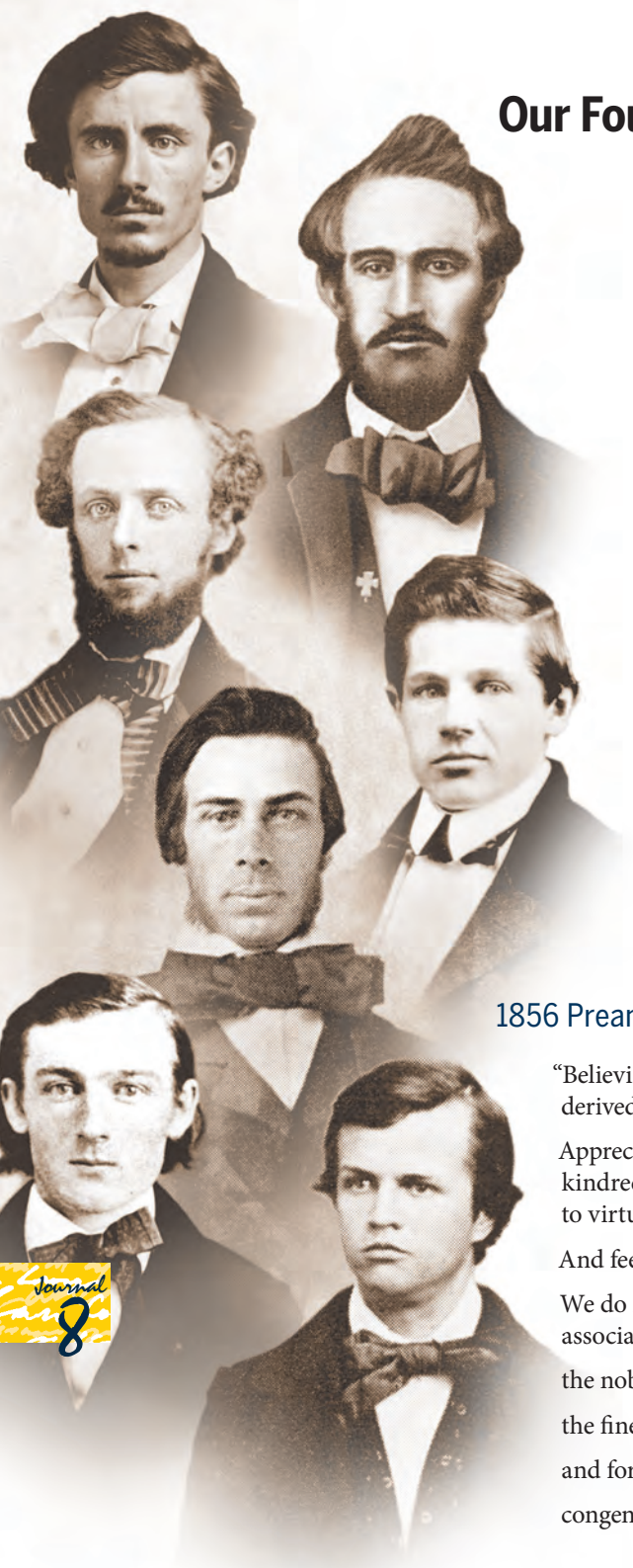
- What is the most challenging force you have had to overcome in order to maintain your commitment and fidelity to the principles for which Sigma Chi stands?
- Why is the idea of a ritual so important in our lives?
- What does the Sigma Chi Ritual mean to you?
- What advice do you have for me to get ready for participation in our Ritual?

Before the Next Group Session:

- Write a letter to the chapter entitled, *What the Sigma Chi Fraternity can expect from me as an active and as an alumnus...* There is no required length. Be specific. Don't just say you will live up to the ideals of Sigma Chi. Describe HOW and WHY you will do this. Describe any offices you aspire to and the ways you think you can improve the Friendship, Justice and Learning of the chapter. Record your letter on pages 206 and 207.

“Nothing is more noble, nothing more venerable then Fidelity. Faithfulness and truth are the most sacred excellences and endowments of the human mind.”

— Cicero, Philosopher (106–43 BC)



Our Founders — Past and Present

Journal 8

1856 Preamble To The Constitution — Ritual

"Believing that many advantages are to be derived from a secret literary society;

Appreciating that closer communion of kindred hearts which adds so many incentives to virtuous exertion;

And feeling that in union there is strength:

We do hereby form ourselves into an association for the development of

the nobler powers of the mind,

the finer feelings of the heart,

and for the promotion of friendship and

congeniality of feeling."

Thought Questions:

After learning about our seven Founders, which is your favorite and why?

Which Founder do you aspire to become more like? How do you plan to accomplish this?

Initiation into the Sigma Chi Fraternity is a life-long commitment. What does this commitment mean to you?

Why are you making this commitment?

How will you need to change or grow in order to honor this commitment?

"There's a difference between interest and commitment.

When you're interested in doing something, you only do it when it's convenient.

When you're committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results."

— Ken Blanchard, Author

Journal 8

Poem by Tecumseh, Shawnee Chief

THOUGHT QUESTIONS

What is the opposite of living life with ***fidelity***?

Up to this point, how has ***fidelity*** played a part in your life?

After analyzing this reading, how can you/will you commit to improving your life?

So live your life
That the fear of death can never enter your heart.
Trouble no one about their religion;
Respect others in their view,
And demand that they respect yours.

Love your life, perfect your life,
Beautify all things in your life.
Seek to make your life long and
Its purpose in the service of your people.
Prepare a noble death song
For the day when you go over the great divide.

Always give a word or a sign of salute
when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger,
when in a lonely place.
Show respect to all people and grovel to none.

When you arise in the morning
Give thanks for the food and for the joy of living.
If you see no reason for giving thanks,
The fault lies only in yourself.

Abuse no one and no thing
For abuse turns the wise ones to fools
And robs the spirit of its vision.

When it comes your time to die, be not like those
whose hearts are filled with the fear of death,
So that when their time comes
they weep and pray for a little more time
to live their lives over again in a different way.
Sing your death song and die like a hero going home.

Journal 8

YOUR FAVORITE

In the space below, record your favorite quote about ***fidelity*** — one that resonates with your own personal feelings.

Journal 8

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Ritual Bridge

CHAPTER 9

Ritual Bridge — Purpose

ABOUT THIS CHAPTER:

This chapter is designed to provide readings, thought questions and journaling space that will be used to enrich discussions with you and your pledge brothers about your upcoming initiation.

You are about to take a significant step in your life. In several days, you will be crossing an important bridge ... your initiation into our Fraternity. Soon you will be asked to make a commitment to live a life based on a set of principles and lofty ideals ... to join a brotherhood of men who are committed to making the world a better place.

We call these last few days of P4B *The Ritual Bridge*. You will be involved in a variety of group activities and discussions designed to:

- *provide you with an opportunity to engage in a serious self-evaluation about yourself, your values and your growth during this pledge period,*
- *remind you about the lifelong commitment you are about to make and what that commitment means to you as a man of character,*
- *prepare you intellectually, emotionally and spiritually to participate in, and understand our ceremonies of initiation.*

"Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, riches take wings, those who cheer today may curse tomorrow; only one thing endures — character."

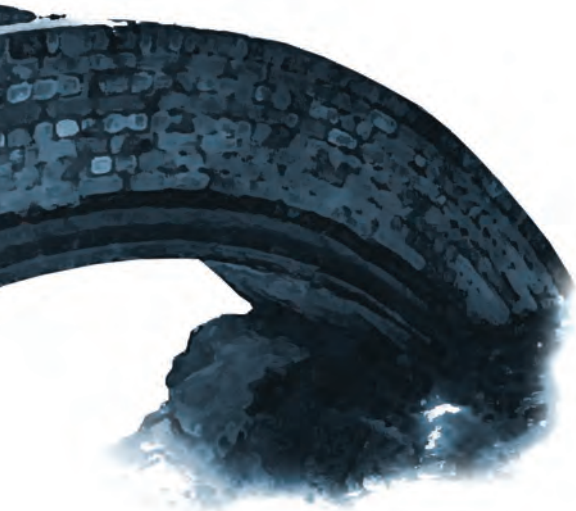
— Horace Greeley, Editor (1811–1872)

Chapter 9

Your Magister will guide you and your pledge brothers in this process during the final days of your pledgeship. Together, you will spend time discussing and journaling about the following areas with your brothers:

- *Consider why ritual is so important to our lives and what significance it has to you as a Sigma Chi,*
- *Reflect on our Founders and their values,*
- *Think about all the learning that has occurred during P4B and evaluate which instructional component(s) have proven to be most effective in preparing you to join our brotherhood,*
- *Consider the many ConnΣXtions conversations you have had with your brothers over the course of P4B,*
- *Reflect on how you have grown as a man of character over the course of this pledge period.*
- *Contemplate the commitment you are about to make and how it will impact your life.*

We encourage you to discuss all the above with your Big Brother.



Chapter 9

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

Ritual

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

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

What Is A Ritual?

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

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

The Role Of Ritual

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

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

In some instances, ritual is used to teach the organization's beliefs and principles, or to invoke feelings of loyalty. Readings or recitations from scriptural books and documents during religious services help followers understand their heritage, and to provide spiritual direction and inspiration. The singing of a national anthem may stir feelings of pride and patriotism within the hearts of those participating.

The Components Of Ritual

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

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

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

Ritual serves to create a common experience for its participants, thereby binding them together in a closer way.

Ritual And Fraternity

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

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

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

The Sigma Chi Ritual

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

Many elements of the Sigma Chi Ritual serve to strengthen understanding of, and commitment to, the aims of the Fraternity.

The Ritual uses many of the elements discussed above as a way to strengthen understanding of, and commitment to, the principles and values of the Fraternity. If strong and enduring brotherhood among men who share commitment to noble values is the purpose of Sigma Chi, then the Ritual must serve as a guide in fulfilling that purpose.

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

A Common Experience

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

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

Thought Questions:

What rituals have you experienced in your life?

What rituals do you repeat on a daily basis?

What do you imagine the Sigma Chi Ritual to contain?

"Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value."

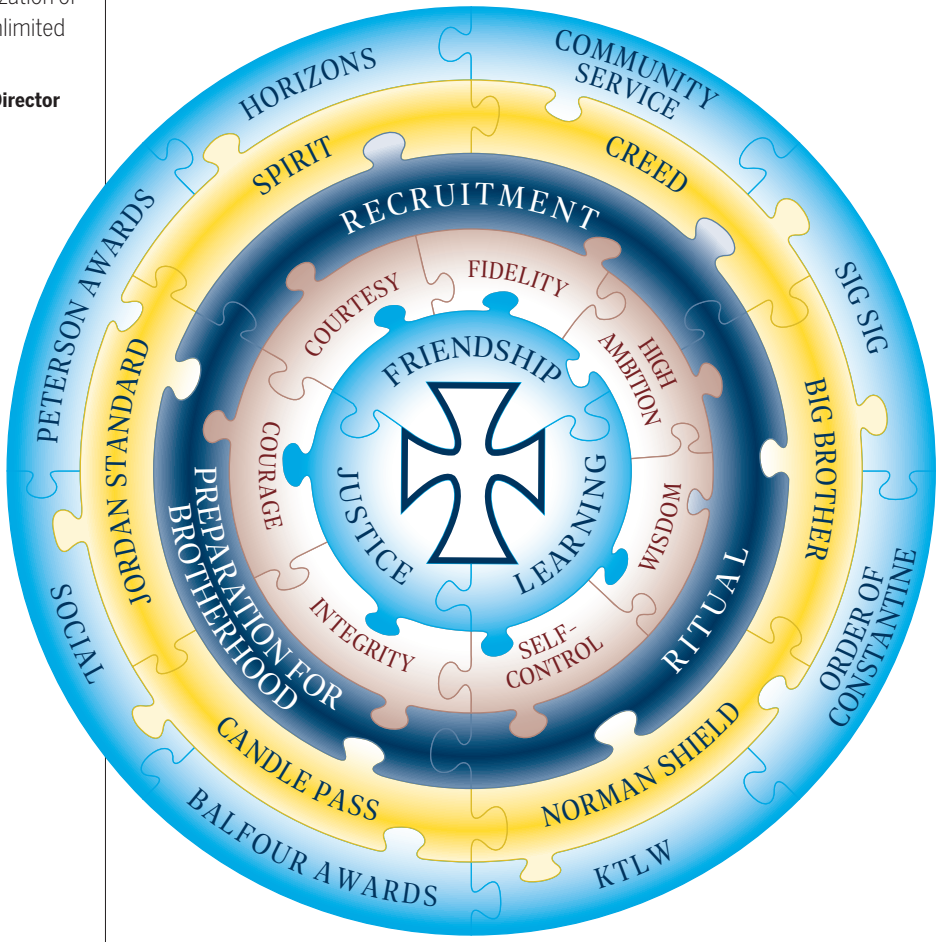
— Albert Einstein, Physicist (1879–1955)

Chapter 9

The RBCs (ritual, brotherhood, culture)

As your time as a pledge draws to a close, reflect on all you have learned about our brotherhood and how the pieces of the P4B Program have been woven together to enhance your learning. Each component has been carefully crafted to ensure that you understand the rich history and beliefs that bind us together as brothers.

> "The journey of life is the journey of self-discovery. It's our personal journey through the unknown possibilities of our existence, the realization of who we are, and our unlimited capabilities."
>
> **— Jefferson Mesidor, Director**



Chapter 9

Thought Questions:

Looking at the illustration at left, what pieces of the P4B program have taught you the most? Why?

Select the puzzle piece that has most inspired you. Talk about why you selected that piece.

What pieces, if any, were missing from your learning experience?

Describe how your understanding/impressions of Sigma Chi have grown/changed as a result of P4B?

Describe the most important things you have learned about your pledge brothers during this pledge period. How have your pledge brothers inspired you?

What is the most important thing you have learned about yourself during this pledge period?

ConnΣXtion Conversations

Thought Questions:

What was your favorite ConnΣXtion conversation and why?

What have your ConnΣXtion conversations taught you about the kind of initiated brother you would like to be?

> "Friendship is a horizon which expands whenever we approach it."
>
> **— E. R. Hazlip, Author**

How do you plan to continue the ConnΣXtion process once you are initiated into our Brotherhood?

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What criteria of The Jordan Standard or which Sigma Chi value stands out in your Big Brother?

How has your understanding of the words mentor/coach/guide/advocate changed because of your relationship with your Big Brother?

What do you hope others will say about their ConnΣXtion with you some day?

A Time to Talk

When a friend calls
to me from the road

And slows his horse
to a meaning walk,

I don't stand still
and look around

On all the hills
I haven't hoed,

And shout from where
I am, "What is it?"

No, not as there is
a time to talk.

I thrust my hoe
in the mellow ground,

Blade-end up and
five feet tall,

And plod: I go up to
the stone wall

For a friendly visit.

— Robert Frost, Poet (1874–1963)

Chapter 9

Your Growth As a Man of Principle/Character

Now that you've successfully completed the five courses of the Preparation for Brotherhood program, we have confidence that you are prepared to answer the following questions.

What can the Fraternity expect from you?

What do you expect from the Fraternity?

"Others are affected by what I am, and say, and do. So that a single act of mine may spread and spread in widening circles, through a nation or humanity (or our brotherhood). Through my vice, I intensify the taint of vice throughout the universe. On the other hand, every development of my virtue makes me an ampler blessing to my race. Every new truth that I gain makes me a brighter light to humanity."

— William Ellery Channing, Writer, (1780–1843)

Chapter 9

What do you expect from yourself?

> “It is not always what we know or analyzed before we make a decision that makes it a good decision. It is what we do after we make the decision to implement and execute it that makes it a good decision.”
>
> **— William Pollard, Physicist (1828–1893)**

Chapter 9

Letter to the Chapter

What the Sigma Chi Fraternity can expect from me as an active and as an alumnus...

"Commitment is an act, not a word."

— Jean-Paul Sartre, Philosopher, Author (1905–1980)

"When you are surrounded by people who share a passionate commitment around a common purpose, anything is possible."

— Howard Schultz, American Businessman

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“There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.”

— Thomas Aquinas, Philosopher, Theologian (1225–1274)

Chapter 9

Your Charge

You are about to cross a threshold that more than 300,000+ men before you have crossed. Noteworthy men such as a U.S. President, a Super Bowl MVP, an NCAA-championship-winning football coach, seven Pulitzer Prize winners and a Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year, and members of your own chapter have all looked back at their pledgeship before stepping forward into the Sigma Chi Ritual and the ceremonies of initiation.

Very soon, you will exchange your Norman Shield pledge pin for the White Cross of Sigma Chi. In doing so, you are making a commitment that requires you to live your life as a man of integrity and to become a values-based leader. It is a great responsibility.

Take a minute to look back at how you've embodied our values since you signed your Sigma Chi bid card. If you've managed to weave these values into your life, you have actually started your initiation into the Sigma Chi Fraternity's brotherhood. The decision to put values into action is yours — it is a daily choice only you can make.

Founder William Lewis Lockwood once said, "We should endeavor so to raise ourselves so that to say of a man, 'He is a Sigma Chi' shall be synonymous with, 'He is a liberally educated, high-minded, pure and noble man.' ... The world is in great need of just such men, and let all who go out from our chapters be such men."

Wearing our badge shows others that you are a man rooted in our seven values. Founder Daniel William Cooper, however, warned us that looks can be deceiving. He said, "By our Ritual we must avoid the danger that may come by believing that one could conquer by just wearing an emblem to parade virtues that are not within the heart."

Make no mistake, we believe that true Sigma Chi leadership and values are already within you; it is why you were recruited to join our Order. Being a Sigma Chi isn't easy. Joining Sigma Chi means that the world expects more of you than it does of other men. We, your brothers, have every confidence that you will make the difficult daily choice to live a values-based life.

All of the effort you have put into the Preparation for Brotherhood program has prepared you to experience the meaning and purpose of the Sigma Chi Ritual. Your Sigma Chi Journey is only beginning. The best is yet to come.

When you exchange your pledge pin for the White Cross of Sigma Chi, you are making a commitment to live your life as a man of integrity and to become a values-based leader.

In Hoc Signo Vinces.

SIGMA CHI

Ritual *for* Life

Course 3 Goals & Action Plans

Chapter 9

Chapter 9 is sponsored by The Order of Constantine — *Dedicated to our Brothers' life-long Sigma Chi journey.*

What can the Fraternity *expect from you*?

Chapter 9

How will you get there?

Supporting Goal 1

Action Step	*Action Step*	*Action Step*

Supporting Goal 2

Action Step	*Action Step*	*Action Step*

Supporting Goal 3

Action Step	*Action Step*	*Action Step*

Chapter 9

What do you *expect from the Fraternity*?

Chapter 9

How can you make sure this happens?

Supporting Goal 1

Action Step	*Action Step*	*Action Step*

Supporting Goal 2

Action Step	*Action Step*	*Action Step*

Supporting Goal 3

Action Step	*Action Step*	*Action Step*

Chapter 9

What do you *expect from yourself*?

Chapter 9

How will you get there?

Supporting Goal 1

Action Step	*Action Step*	*Action Step*

Supporting Goal 2

Action Step	*Action Step*	*Action Step*

Supporting Goal 3

Action Step	*Action Step*	*Action Step*

Chapter 9

Undergraduate Goal:

Graduation Date:

Values-Based Leadership

Guiding Value 1

Guiding Value 2

Guiding Value 3

My Creed

My Mission

My Vision

Supporting Goal 1

Action Step | *Action Step* | *Action Step*

Supporting Goal 2

Action Step | *Action Step* | *Action Step*

Supporting Goal 3

Action Step | *Action Step* | *Action Step*

Chapter 9

The World Expects More of Us

Reaching My Goal
Has the Following Impact

SELF
OTHERS
COMMUNITY

My Chapter Legacy

What roles/positions interest me?

My legacy to my Chapter...

Who do I know that shares Sigma Chi values and would make a good brother?

Than It Does of Other Men.

Chapter 9

THE TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADER

EPILOGUE

Congratulations on successfully laying the **FOUNDATION** of *your* Transformational Leader experience and *cultivating* the self-management **SKILLS** within the *Preparation for Brotherhood* and *Ritual for Life* courses!

Founder Isaac M. Jordan, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1857**, reminds us to live a life of high ambition in our personal and professional pursuits. Using his words as guidance, it is time to map out your future as you continue to sharpen your skills and follow the pathway so many before you traveled as transformational leaders.

"Starting with a membership of seven young men, it has now more than 3,000 members ...," Jordan once said of Sigma Chi. *"... among whom are to be found men of eminence and distinction in every walk and profession in life. Senators, governors, judges, lawyers, clergymen, professors, teachers, physicians and men of business, all of whom, so far as I know, reflect honor upon the society of which they are members."*

Chapter 9

What kind of *transformational leader* will you be?

A Transformational Leader must be…

A True North Leader

A True North Leader is rooted in an ability to recognize and celebrate passion and purpose, ultimately discovering one's personal and business intentions.

Skills needed: *Versatility, Resilience, Problem-Solving, Mentorship, Strategic Thinking, Effective Communication*

A Values-Based Leader

The heart of a Values-Based Leader exists in their ability to apply principled beliefs and values to the various decisions and obstacles they encounter.

Skills needed: *Effective Communication, Leveraging Differences, Problem-Solving, Values-Based Decision Making.*

An Enduring Leader

An Enduring Leader articulates a clear and compelling vision that is relevant to the needs of today yet responsive to what is on the Horizon.

Skills needed: *Change Management, Collaboration, Effective Communication, Strategic Thinking, Versatility*

A Servant Leader

A Servant Leader's focus is on the growth and development of others through active listening, empathy, awareness and commitment.

Skills needed: *Versatility, Leveraging Differences, Collaboration, Mentorship, People Management*

A Distance Leader

A Leader over Distance recognizes the unique opportunities that remote-based teams provide to organizations and to each other; thus, they must foster meaningful connections between remote team members that benefit both the organization and the members.

Skills needed: *People Management, Effective Communication, Leveraging Differences, Versatility*

An Innovative Leader

An Innovative Leader is grounded in the ability to empower others to move beyond their assumptions and biases in considering alternative ways to address problems or newly emerging realities.

Skills needed: *Innovation, Strategic Thinking, Effective Communication, Change Management, Collaboration*

An Adaptive Leader

An Adaptive Leader empowers followers to address complex challenges in life.

Skills needed: *Change Management, Problem Solving, People Management, Innovation, Resilience*

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Statement of Position Concerning Pledge Education and the Ritual

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

The teachings of our Ritual — the basis of all our pledging and initiation, and active and alumni life — must govern our every act and attitude. Initiation into Sigma Chi is truly not only a ceremony by which new members are created, but is much more. Its meanings are subject to constant interpretation and achievement by those who have earned the honor by striving for it.

The Fraternity provides extensive material and guidance to chapters on this subject through The Ritual, Ritualistic Statutes, *The Norman Shield*, The Magister's Manual, the programs of Sigma Chi Leadership Institute, and many Province Workshops, just to mention a few. Additionally, resources are provided through the efforts of the Grand Praetors, alumni volunteers and Headquarters Staff. Further guidance and assistance in those and other areas will continue, and is available to any chapter upon request.

The Basis of Concern

The reasons for concern by the Fraternity in this area cannot be dealt with simply under the heading of the term "hazing." The term "hazing" is sometimes too narrowly defined by some seeking rationalizations. The goal is preparation for a productive life as a citizen, through Sigma Chi, not merely forced humility or "second class citizenship." We believe, as the Sigma Chi Creed says, in fairness, decency, good manners, and being ever a credit to our Fraternity.

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

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

In confronting this problem, the following basics are pertinent.

Sigma Chi, both in stated goals and purposes, is a positive experience, designed to be contributory and beneficial throughout a man's life.

Past, present and future, its purpose is to be uplifting, motivational, value-setting, and enjoyable in constructive ways.

Its heart is brotherhood, personal association and involvement, and an obligation of every brother to help each other to achieve. It is in the context of positive emphasis and guidance that the following guidelines will apply, and are to be used in determining and conducting any of our activities in the pledging, pre-initiation and initiation programs.

Pledge Program Guidelines

- *The goals set forth in The Jordan Standard require us, as a Fraternity, to ensure that we allow each student time for his academic responsibilities, a minimum of 6 hours uninterrupted sleep per night, and reasonable campus involvement. Our prospective members are in school for an education, a learning experience, both in and out of the classroom.*
- *Whatever is performed or allowed to happen must be fully consistent with the ideals and the spirit of our Ritual, Ritualistic Statutes, and Governing Laws. The purpose of the program should be to treat pledges as future leaders of our order.*
- *If an activity became known and/or publicized, could it really be explained or justified to, and understood or appreciated by Fraternity officials, parents, university officials, or potential members? If not, it should not be done.*
- *If something is designed just to make a man "a good pledge," rather than to make him a good brother, or just to see "how much he wants to become a member," it is not appropriate.*
- *A man does not pledge to be in servitude to an individual brother. He is aspiring to be a member of the Chapter and the Fraternity.*
- *Forced unity or "unity-at-any-cost" can, often unknowingly, result in resentment or exaggerated competition against the chapter, and conflict with the pledge class' later integration into the chapter, creating a caste system. Unity, loyalty and devotion will occur from shared experiences and ideas.*
- *If instilling humility is the only or major purpose of what is being done, it should not be done.*
- *The fact that "we've always done it" does not, by itself, justify its continuance.*
- *The greater the extent of physical or mental exhaustion, excessive nervousness or fear, total frustration, or desire to "get this over with," the greater the likelihood that the pledge will not absorb, remember and understand the important lessons of our pledge program, the initiation and Ritual.*

Examples of Prohibited Activities

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

- *Any calisthenics, including but not limited to; sit-ups, push-ups, " 'bows and toes," and wall sits.*
- *Running stairs while reciting material.*
- *Group runs for the sake of creating "unity," regardless if it is with active brothers or not.*
- *Line-ups during which pledges are placed in front of the chapter in an environment which could reasonably be considered intimidating in nature.*
- *Link systems, or anything similar, used to intimidate the pledge toward improved performance.*
- *Forced dorming or sleeping at a chapter-designated location, including the chapter house, separate from the pledge's permanent residence.*
- *Yelling and screaming or use of obscenities at pledges in any manner whatsoever.*
- *Telling pledge he's failed by snuffing out candles in front of him.*
- *Brothers intentionally mess up the house or room after pledges clean it.*
- *Pledges booed and hissed or demeaned when they make a mistake.*
- *Pledges being required to perform personal errands or acts of personal servitude for the convenience of brothers. Activities considered personal servitude include, but are not limited to; cleaning, errand running, driving brothers around.*
- *Calling pledges "scums," "poops," "plebes," or other degrading terms.*
- *Wearing burlap bags or other embarrassing or uncomfortable garments.*
- *Less than six hours of undisturbed time in bed each night at any point during their pledgeship or initiation.*
- *Deception designed to convince the pledge he won't be initiated.*
- *Forcing the pledges to eat any food that is designed to make them sick, burn their mouth, starve them, and/or embarrass them.*
- *Excessively loud music played during initiation and between portions of various ceremonies.*
- *Paddle swats.*
- *Pushing, shoving or tackling pledges during movement to various events.*

Examples of Prohibited Activities *(continued)*

- *Pledges dragged onto the floor when awakened.*
- *Pledges write list of their faults or "sins," believing they must read them to the chapter or brothers.*
- *Bracing, forcing pledges to sit in a specific position for an extended period of time, and finger-snapping in pledges' ears.*
- *Any violation of Ritual instructions, procedures or Statutes.*
- *Brothers using Ritual materials before initiation.*
- *Stripping a pledge down to their underwear or nothing at all.*
- *Branding the pledges with cigarettes or other hot items.*
- *Forced consumption of alcohol or sharing of alcohol with active brothers as part of a big brother celebration.*
- *"Fight Nights" where pledges have to fight one another or actives.*
- *Any drug usage including forced drug usage.*
- *Involving pledges in any form of a designated driver program.*
- *Pledges forced to sleep in a location that is below the quality of their normal residential living environment.*
- *Intentionally black-balling a pledge to send a message to other pledges.*
- *Interviewing brothers for the main purpose of memorization of their information.*
- *Intentionally prohibiting pledges from being able to meet and interact with the members of the active chapter.*
- *Forcing pledges to buy uniforms.*
- *Requiring pledges to buy items for members of the chapter with their own money, such as gas, cigarettes, condoms, etc.*
- *Any kidnapping activities as a part of a walkout program or revolt. This includes scavenger hunts.*
- *These are a few practices which have been done in the past and there are thousands of others also equally unacceptable.*

For any other activities that may not be included above, chapters and members should ask themselves the following questions to consider whether the activity is one that aligns with the spirit of this policy:

- *Would you object to this activity being photographed for the school newspaper or filmed by a local TV news crew?*
- *Would you feel comfortable participating in this activity if your parents, professors, or University officials were present?*
- *Would you tell potential recruits or new pledges about the activity that they will go through?*
- *Does participation in this activity violate my values or those of Sigma Chi?*
- *Does the activity risk emotional or physical harm or abuse?*
- *If someone were injured, would I feel comfortable being investigated by the police or an insurance carrier?*

Conclusion

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

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

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A Statement of Fraternal Values & Ethics

Basic Expectations

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

I	I will know and understand the ideals expressed in my fraternity ritual and will strive to incorporate them in my daily life.
II	I will strive for academic achievement and practice academic integrity.
III	I will respect the dignity of all persons; therefore, I will not physically, mentally, psychologically or sexually abuse or haze any human being.
IV	I will protect the health and safety of all human beings.
V	I will respect my property and the property of others; therefore, I will neither abuse nor tolerate the abuse of property.
VI	I will meet my financial obligations in a timely manner.
VII	I will neither use nor support the use of illegal drugs; I will neither misuse nor support the misuse of alcohol.
VIII	I acknowledge that a clean and attractive environment is essential to both physical and mental health; therefore I will do all in my power to see that the chapter property is properly cleaned and maintained.
IX	I will challenge all my fraternity members to abide by these fraternal expectations and will confront those who violate them.

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

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

The Undergraduate Chapters of Sigma Chi

Chapters are listed in order of their founding date (current as of June 2017).
Blue Italic type signifies inactive chapters.

#	CHAPTER	COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	Year of Founding	Became Inactive	Year Rechartered
1	Alpha	Miami University (Ohio)	1855	1858/2012	1892/2017
2	*Gamma*	*Ohio Wesleyan University*	1855	1884/2016	1888
3	*Epsilon (Original)*	*Western Military Institute, Nashville, Tenn.*	1856	1858	
4	Eta	University of Mississippi	1857	1912	1926
`5	*Iota*	*Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa.*	1858	1869	
6	Lambda	Indiana University	1858		
7	*Nu (Original)*	*Washington College, Washington, Pa.*	1859	1863	
8	Xi	DePauw University	1859		
9	*Omicron*	*Dickinson College*	1859	2008	
10	*Pi (Original)*	*Erskine College, Due West, S.C.*	1860	1861	
11	*Sigma (Original)*	*La Grange Synodical College, La Grange, Tenn.*	1860	1861	
12	Psi (Original Rho)	University of Virginia	1860	1861	1866
13	Theta	Gettysburg College	1863	2005	2009
14	Kappa	Bucknell University	1864		
15	Epsilon	George Washington University	1864	1887/1972/2000	1892/1973/2007
16	Rho	Butler University	1865		
17	*Upsilon*	*Polytechnic College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.*	1865	1876	
18	Zeta	Washington and Lee University	1866		
19	*Phi*	*Lafayette College*	1867	1887/1966/1997	1899/1982
20	Mu	Denison University	1868	1876/2000	1880/2004
21	Sigma	Princeton University	1869	1870/1882	1875/2010
22	*Omega*	*Northwestern University*	1869	2000/2021	2005
23	Chi	Hanover College	1871	1917	1936
24	Sigma Sigma	Hampden-Sydney College	1872	1889/1902/1977	1890/1931/1983
25	Tau	Roanoke College	1872	1890/1902	1895/1923
26	Pi	Howard College/Samford University	1872	1885	1994
27	Delta	University of Georgia	1872	1887/1990	1910/1996
28	Nu	Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.	1872	1880	2014
29	*Beta*	*College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio*	1873	1893/1914	1899
30	*Beta Beta*	*Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.*	1873	1874	
31	*Gamma Gamma*	*Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.*	1874	1901	
32	*Epsilon Epsilon*	*Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill.*	1874	1878	
33	Delta Delta	Purdue University	1875		
34	Phi Phi	University of Pennsylvania	1875	1878	1884
35	Iota Iota	University of Alabama	1876	1877	1914
36	Zeta Zeta	Centre College	1876		
37	Theta Theta (Psi Psi orig.)	University of Michigan	1874	1875/2003	1877/2009
38	Chi Chi	Southern University/Birmingham Southern College	1879	1882	1993
39	*Alpha Beta (Original)*	*Richmond College, Richmond, Va.*	1880	1882	
40	Delta Chi	Wabash College	1880	1894	1909
41	Kappa Kappa	University of Illinois	1881	1884	1892
42	Zeta Psi	University of Cincinnati	1882		
43	*Alpha Eta*	*University of Iowa*	1882	1889/1991/2022	1902/2000
44	Alpha Theta	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1882		
45	Alpha Gamma	Ohio State University	1882		
46	Alpha Zeta	Beloit College	1882		
47	Alpha Epsilon	University of Nebraska	1883		
48	*Alpha Delta*	*Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J.*	1883	1891	
49	*Alpha Iota*	*Illinois Wesleyan University*	1883	2021	
50	Alpha Kappa	Hillsdale College	1883	1886	1980

#	CHAPTER	COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	Year of Founding	Became Inactive	Year Rechartered
51	*Alpha Lambda*	*Wisconsin-Madison*	1884	2020	
52	*Alpha Mu*	*Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.*	1884	1885	
53	*Alpha Xi*	*University of Kansas*	1884	2022	
54	Alpha Nu	University of Texas–Austin	1884	1888/2004	1889/2009
55	Alpha Omicron	Tulane University	1882	1883	1886
56	Alpha Pi	Albion College	1886	1977	1980
57	Alpha Beta	University of California–Berkeley	1886	1968	1972
58	*Alpha Rho*	*Lehigh University*	1887	1891/1989/2017	1893/1993
59	Alpha Sigma	University of Minnesota	1888		
60	Alpha Tau	University of North Carolina	1889	1900	1913
61	Alpha Upsilon	University of Southern California	1889	1994	2000
62	Alpha Phi	Cornell University	1890		
63	Alpha Chi	Pennsylvania State University	1891		
64	*Alpha Omega*	*Stanford University*	1891	1965/1967/2017	1966/1974
65	*Alpha Psi*	*Vanderbilt University*	1891	1991/2023	1996
66	Alpha Alpha	Hobart College	1892	2006	2016
67	*Eta Eta*	*Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.*	1893	1960	
68	Lambda Lambda	University of Kentucky	1893		
69	Nu Nu	Columbia University	1894	1964	1984
70	Mu Mu	West Virginia University	1895		
71	*Xi Xi*	*University of Missouri–Columbia*	1896	2002/2019	2007
72	Omicron Omicron	University of Chicago	1897	1952	2011
73	Rho Rho	University of Maine	1902		
74	*Tau Tau*	*Washington University*	1903	2022	
75	Upsilon Upsilon	University of Washington (Seattle)	1903		
76	Psi Psi	Syracuse University	1904	1957/1998	1963/2008
77	Beta Gamma	Colorado College	1905		
78	Omega Omega	University of Arkansas	1905		
79	Beta Delta	University of Montana	1906		
80	Beta Epsilon	University of Utah	1908		
81	Beta Zeta	University of North Dakota	1909		
82	Beta Eta	Case Western Reserve University	1909	1972	1973
83	*Beta Theta*	*University of Pittsburgh*	1909	2018	
84	Beta Iota	University of Oregon	1910	1996	2000
85	Beta Kappa	University of Oklahoma	1912	2004	2007
86	Beta Lambda	Duke University	1912		
87	Beta Mu	University of Colorado–Boulder	1914	1971/1999	1981/2021
88	*Beta Nu*	*Brown University*	1914	1965/2019	1973
89	Beta Xi	University of New Mexico	1916	2002	2008
90	*Beta Omicron*	*Iowa State University*	1916	2018	
91	Beta Pi	Oregon State University	1916		
92	Beta Sigma	University of Tennessee–Knoxville	1917	2017	2021
93	Beta Rho	Montana State University	1917		
94	*Beta Tau*	*Colorado State University*	1919	2021	
95	Beta Upsilon	Washington State University	1919		
96	Beta Phi	University of Arizona	1921	1972/2003	1977/2009
97	Beta Chi	Emory University	1921		
98	Beta Psi	Georgia Institute of Technology	1922		
99	Beta Omega	University of Toronto-Ryerson	1922		
100	Gamma Delta	Oklahoma State University	1922		

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101	Gamma Epsilon	Whitman College	1923	1967	1970
102	Gamma Zeta	Union College	1923		
103	Gamma Eta	University of Idaho	1924		
104	Gamma Theta	University of Florida	1924		
105	Gamma Iota	Louisiana State University	1925	2015	2021
106	Gamma Kappa	Utah State University	1926		
107	Gamma Lambda	McGill University	1927		
108	*Gamma Mu*	*Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.*	1928	1959	
109	Gamma Nu	University of South Carolina	1929	2016	2022
110	Gamma Xi	University of Wyoming	1930		
111	*Gamma Omicron*	*Colgate University*	1930	2015	
112	Gamma Pi	University of Rochester	1932		
113	Gamma Rho	Dalhousie University–St. Mary's University	1933		
114	Gamma Sigma	Auburn University	1934	2013	2019
115	Gamma Tau	North Dakota State University	1934		
116	Gamma Upsilon	Mississippi State University	1938		
117	Gamma Phi	University of Miami (Florida)	1942		
118	Gamma Chi	University of Maryland	1942	2002	2009
119	*Gamma Psi*	*Michigan State University*	1942	2017	
120	Gamma Omega	A College in Storrs, Conn.	1943	1951	1971
121	Delta Epsilon	North Carolina State University	1943		
122	Delta Zeta	Willamette University	1947		
123	Delta Eta	University of California–Los Angeles	1947		
124	Delta Theta	University of Tennessee–Chattanooga	1947		
125	Delta Iota	University of Denver	1947		
126	Delta Kappa	Bowling Green State University	1947	2004	2016
127	*Delta Lambda*	*Davidson College, Davidson, N.C.*	1948	1969	
128	Delta Mu	Southern Methodist University	1948		
129	Delta Nu	Wake Forest University	1948		
130	Delta Xi	San Diego State University	1949	2013	2019
131	Delta Omicron	Univ. of British Columbia–Simon Fraser Univ.	1949		
132	*Delta Pi*	*Ohio University*	1949	2003/2021	2016
133	Delta Rho	Bradley University	1949		
134	Delta Sigma	University of Rhode Island	1949	1996	2011
135	*Delta Tau*	*Westminster College*	1949	2015	
136	Delta Upsilon	Kansas State University	1949		
137	Delta Phi	University of Puget Sound	1950		
138	Delta Psi	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1950		
139	Delta Omega	University of Tulsa	1951		
140	Epsilon Zeta	Florida State University	1951	2014	2022
141	Epsilon Eta	California State University–Fresno	1952		
142	Epsilon Theta	San Jose State University	1952		
143	*Epsilon Iota*	*St. Lawrence University*	1953	1997	
144	Epsilon Kappa	University of Memphis	1954		
145	Epsilon Lambda	Ripon College	1955		
146	Epsilon Mu	Texas Christian University	1955		
147	Epsilon Nu	Texas Tech University	1955	2012	2019
148	Epsilon Xi	University of Houston	1956	2015	2021
149	Epsilon Omicron	University of Western Ontario	1957		
150	*Epsilon Pi*	*Northern Colorado University*	1958	2018	
151	*Epsilon Rho*	*University of Richmond*	1958	2019	
152	Epsilon Sigma	Florida Southern College	1959		

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153	Epsilon Tau	Murray State University	1959		
154	*Epsilon Upsilon*	*Arizona State University*	1960	2021	
155	Epsilon Phi	Southeast Missouri State University	1960		
156	*Epsilon Chi*	*Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas*	1961	1983	
157	Epsilon Psi	Sam Houston State University	1961		
158	Epsilon Omega	Ball State University	1962		
159	Zeta Eta	Texas A&M–Commerce	1963		
160	*Beta Alpha*	*Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio*	1963	1970	
161	Zeta Theta - A	Kettering University (GMI)	1963		
161	Zeta Theta - B	Kettering University (GMI)	1963		
162	Zeta Iota	Pittsburg State University	1964		
163	Zeta Kappa	University of California–Santa Barbara	1965	2007	2017
164	Zeta Lambda	Kent State University	1965		
165	Zeta Mu	Western Kentucky University	1965		
166	Zeta Nu	Western Michigan University	1966		
167	*Zeta Xi*	*California State University–Northridge*	1966	2021	
168	Zeta Omicron	Northern Arizona University	1967		
169	Zeta Pi	Texas A&M-Kingsville	1967		
170	*Zeta Rho*	*Central Michigan University*	1967	2022	
171	*Zeta Sigma*	*Eastern New Mexico University*	1967	2016	
172	Zeta Tau	Fort Hays State University	1967		
173	Zeta Upsilon	College of William and Mary	1968		
174	Zeta Phi	New Mexico State University	1968	1985	2008
175	*Zeta Chi*	*University of Nevada–Las Vegas*	1969	2008	
176	Zeta Omega	East Tennessee State University	1969		
177	Eta Alpha	Eastern Kentucky University	1970		
178	Eta Beta	California State University–Long Beach	1970	1998	2013
179	Eta Gamma	Middle Tennessee State University	1970		
180	Eta Delta	Tennessee Technological University	1970		
181	Eta Epsilon	University of South Alabama	1970		
182	Eta Zeta	Georgia Southern University	1970		
183	Eta Theta	Georgia Southwestern College	1970		
184	Eta Iota	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach	1971		
185	Eta Kappa	Missouri State University	1971	2007	2014
186	*Eta Lambda*	*Virginia Tech*	1971	2018	
187	*Eta Mu*	*Eastern Illinois University*	1971	2017	
188	*Eta Nu*	*Northern Illinois University*	1972	2000	
189	Eta Xi	Austin Peay State University	1973		
190	Eta Omicron	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	1973		
191	Eta Pi	University of Central Florida	1974		
192	Eta Rho	University of North Alabama	1974		
193	Eta Sigma	University of California-Irvine	1975	1995	2003
194	Eta Tau	Stephen F. Austin University	1975		
195	Eta Upsilon	Texas A&M University–College Station	1976		
196	Eta Phi	Troy University	1977		
197	Eta Chi	Youngstown State University	1977		
198	*Eta Psi*	*Clemson University*	1977	2018	
199	Eta Omega	Baylor University	1978	2012	2016
200	Theta Alpha	Clarion University of Pennsylvania	1978	2003	2015
201	Theta Beta	University of South Florida	1979		
202	Theta Gamma	Drake University	1980		
203	*Theta Delta*	*University of Southern Mississippi*	1981	2019	

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204	Theta Epsilon	North Georgia College	1982		
205	Theta Zeta	Bridgewater State	1983		
206	Theta Eta	Missouri University of Science and Technology	1983		
207	Theta Iota	St. Louis University	1984	2011	2017
208	*Theta Kappa*	*University of Texas–Arlington*	1984	2019	
209	*Theta Lambda*	*University of San Diego*	1984	2004	
210	Theta Mu	Spring Hill College	1984	2006	2009
211	Theta Nu	Alma College	1984		
212	*Theta Xi*	*California State University–Sacramento*	1985	2015	
213	Theta Omicron	University of California–Davis	1985		
214	*Theta Pi*	*Indiana State University*	1985	2018	
215	Theta Rho	Illinois State University	1985	2015	2022
216	Theta Sigma	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	1985		
217	Theta Tau	Texas State University	1986	1999	2009
218	Theta Upsilon	Yale University	1986		
219	*Theta Phi*	*California Polytechnic State Univ.–San Luis Obispo*	1986	2002	
220	Theta Chi	Arkansas State University	1987		
221	Theta Psi	University of Waterloo	1987		
222	Theta Omega	Elon College	1987		
223	*Iota Alpha*	*California State University—San Bernardino*	1987	2016	
224	*Iota Beta*	*James Madison University*	1987	2015	
225	Iota Gamma	Jacksonville University	1988		
226	*Iota Delta*	*State University of New York at Albany*	1988	2004	
227	Iota Epsilon	College of Charleston	1988		
228	Iota Zeta	Clarkson University	1988		
229	Iota Eta	Western Connecticut State University	1988		
230	*Iota Theta*	*University of Dayton*	1988	2013	
231	Iota Kappa	Fairleigh Dickinson University	1988		
232	Iota Lambda	University of Louisville	1989		
233	Iota Mu	Wilfrid Laurier University	1989		
234	Iota Nu	Furman University	1989		
235	Iota Xi	George Mason University	1989		
236	Iota Omicron	Western Illinois University	1989		
237	Iota Pi	Marquette University	1989		
238	*Iota Rho*	*Bishop's University*	1990	2014	
239	Iota Sigma	Valparaiso University	1990		
240	Iota Tau	University of St. Thomas	1990		
241	Iota Upsilon	Boston University	1990	2014	2021
242	Iota Phi	University of North Texas	1990		
243	*Iota Chi*	*University of California–San Diego*	1990	2022	
244	*Iota Psi*	*Rutgers University*	1991	2017	
245	Iota Omega	Loyola Marymount University	1991		
246	Kappa Beta	University of North Florida	1991		
247	Kappa Gamma	Western Carolina University	1991		
248	Kappa Epsilon	University of Delaware	1992	2012	2023
249	Kappa Zeta	Radford University	1992		
250	Kappa Eta	Harvard University	1992		
251	Kappa Theta	California State University — Chico	1992		
252	Kappa Iota	Southern Utah University	1993		
253	Kappa Lambda	College of Idaho	1994		
254	Kappa Mu	University of Windsor	1994		
255	*Kappa Nu*	*State University of New York at Oswego*	1994	2004	

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256	Kappa Xi	Tarleton State University	1996		
257	Kappa Omicron	Pepperdine University	1998		
258	Kappa Rho	American University	2000		
259	Kappa Pi	Towson University	2000	2011	2021
260	Kappa Sigma	University of the Pacific	2003		
261	Kappa Tau	Minnesota State University — Mankato	2004		
262	Kappa Upsilon	The Johns Hopkins University	2005		
263	Kappa Phi	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott	2005		
264	Kappa Chi	Villanova University	2005		
265	Kappa Psi	University of Tennessee — Martin	2007		
266	*Kappa Omega*	*University of Tampa*	2007	2022	
267	Lambda Alpha	Knox College	2007		
268	*Lambda Beta*	*University of West Florida*	2008	2020	
269	Lambda Gamma	Santa Clara University	2008		
270	Lambda Delta	University of California — Merced	2009		
271	Lambda Epsilon	University of New Haven	2009		
272	Lambda Zeta	Florida Gulf Coast University	2010		
273	Lambda Eta	Bryant University	2010		
274	Lambda Theta	University of Ottawa	2010		
275	Lambda Iota	Florida International University	2011		
276	Lambda Kappa	Rochester Institute of Technology	2011		
277	Lambda Mu	Valdosta State University	2011		
278	Lambda Nu	Loyola University Chicago	2012		
279	Lambda Xi	Boise State University	2012		
280	Lambda Omicron	Southern Illinois University — Carbondale	2012		
281	Lambda Pi	Carnegie Mellon University	2012		
282	*Lambda Rho*	*Saint Francis University*	2012	2022	
283	Lambda Sigma	University of New Hampshire	2013		
284	Lambda Tau	Florida Atlantic University	2013		
285	Lambda Upsilon	Bentley University	2013		
286	Lambda Phi	University of West Georgia	2013		
287	Lambda Chi	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	2014		
288	Lambda Psi	University of Louisiana-Lafayette	2014		
289	Lambda Omega	DePaul University	2014		
290	Mu Alpha	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	2015		
291	Mu Beta	California State University – San Marcos	2015		
292	Mu Gamma	Binghamton University – SUNY	2017		
293	*Mu Delta*	*Virginia Commonwealth University*	2017	2023	
294	Mu Epsilon	University of Massachusetts – Amherst	2017		
295	Mu Eta	Brock University	2019		
296	Mu Zeta	West Chester University	2018		
297	Mu Theta	Georgetown University	2019		
298	Mu Iota	University of Texas – San Antonio	2021		
299	Mu Kappa	University of North Carolina – Wilmington	2023		

Sigma Chi Chapter Houses

The Sigma Chi Fraternity has a proud tradition of honoring its excellent chapter houses that are home to many of its members.

The First Chapter House of Sigma Chi

The tradition of chapter houses in Sigma Chi dates back to the early 1890s. This age in Sigma Chi history brought an achievement which is historic in the Fraternity — the acquisition of the first chapter house to be owned by any chapter of Sigma Chi. As early as 1888, the active members of the Chi chapter at Hanover College raised sufficient money to purchase an acre and a quarter of land near Hanover College where the chapter's founders had met in the spring of 1871 to plan their petition for a charter. The house was finished in the early summer of 1890 — its occupancy that fall marking the beginning of a new era in chapter life.

Designed by Otto Hermann Matz, a well-known architect from Chicago, the first floor of the house contained a parlor, a spacious library, one bedroom, and a large bathroom. On the second floor were six bedrooms. A prominent tower-like structure of the house faced toward the west. A large veranda on the east side of the house faced toward the college, and a smaller one in the rear overlooked the ravine and, to the east, the Ohio River. Three beautiful stained glass windows sat above the bookshelves in the library. The Sigma Chi Badge was emblazoned on the middle window. The first and third windows contained the Greek letters, Sigma and Chi, respectively. These windows are now proudly displayed in the Board Room of the Sigma Chi International Fraternity's Headquarters in Evanston, Ill.

Chi Chapter occupied the house from October 1890 until the Fall of 1917. In 1974, the house was badly damaged by a tornado and was subsequently razed. A memorial plaque still stands at the site, however, honoring this significant piece of Sigma Chi history.

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"For each Founder, there are now 2,000 hearts that throb under the emblem of faith and hope — faith in Sigma Chi ideals and hope for our future in this world and in the world to come. To these thousands, I send fraternal love and heartfelt good wishes. As you have, through all of our struggles and contentions, so now, and in the future, go on with the good work until the White Cross is known and honored in every nook and corner of the educational world and you shall accomplish greater things than the Founders could have ever hoped or dreamed.

The Scrolls of these Founders are nearly filled; soon each will have turned the golden key to the final mysteries of life. We will watch over you as the eagle watches over his young. So, clasping each and every hand I look to the stars."

— Benjamin Piatt Runkle, to the San Francisco Grand Chapter, June 28, 1916 on Sigma Chi's 61st birthday.