

Report of the President

Nathan A. Neal - E '83

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 11, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.** We will be returning to **CHADWICKS OF GEORGETOWN** located at **3205 "K" Street, NW in Washington DC, 202-333-2565.** In addition to a business meeting will conduct a short memorial service to honor those SIGS whose lives were cut short due to the September 11, 2001 attacks. Afterward, and during the business session, we can enjoy the company of Brothers and the half-price appetizers and beverage specials on Wednesdays at **CHADWICKS OF GEORGETOWN.**

Over the summer, we were

in recess. Although, we did take in a movie at Arlington Cinema & Draft House, **THE PANIC ROOM.** It was good to see SIGS in attendance but the movie left something to be desired. At Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, American University earned another Peterson Award and George Mason reported that their score on the Peterson Application has dramatically improved. George Mason newly elected Consul David Faulk and his executive committee are fine-tuning their operation to put the Chapter in position to be awarded a Peterson in August 2003. Keep up the good work Brothers.

As for my attendance at BLTW, I had one of the largest classes for my alumni section-team. There were approximately 100 Chapter Advisors and/or other representatives attending the Alumni-Team Division of BLTW. This number does not include the Grand Praetors for which Alumni-Team Division is responsible for mentoring. In September, we should remember our commitments to the undergraduate Chapters that we service as well as welcoming new members to Capital City. In September, the undergraduates will be starting Recruitment/RUSH and we should help them out with

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Sigma Chi Rho Housing Trust

Heath Hutchison - KP '00

The Sigma Chi Rho Housing Trust (SCRHT) will be holding its quarterly meeting on Tuesday September, 10th. The location selected is the American University Campus. Due to the schedule of some of our board and undergraduates, the meeting has been set for 8:30 PM. A room has not yet been reserved, but one will be assigned to us before the meeting. Anyone who would like to attend should plan on meeting in the Ward Building shortly before

8:30. A confirmation email will be sent to all interested parties when a room is reserved.

Last semester, the Housing Corp agreed that it would meet quarterly to evaluate progress on projects and establish expectations of the Housing Corp. and the Undergraduate Chapter. The tentative agenda for the meeting includes giving updates and developing fundraising plans and ideas.

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their Recruitment efforts. One Chapter, Iota Xi will be holding the ceremonies of Initiation in mid to late September. Watch your email for final arrangements and the

location.

As for our Chapter status, I have been told that the Sigma Chi Executive Committee will be entertaining our Formal Petitioner over the weekend of September 16, 2002. We

would have met all of the guidelines and should be eligible for Chapter status and voting privileges for the Grand Chapter in Orlando, Florida the summer of 2003.

Those Brothers We Know to Have Lost on 9/11

Stephen Schenkenberg, *ΦΠ* '96 (from www.sigmachi.org)

Brothers and friends -- Below is a list of those brothers we know to have entered the Chapter Eternal during the 9/11 tragedies. Best to you and your loved ones, and In Hoc.

Don Adams, Fairleigh Dickinson 1995, worked on the 105th floor of Tower 1. He worked for Espeed, a sister company of Cantor Fitzgerald. There was a memorial for Brother Adams on 9/15/01. Donations may be made to:

Rebecca Adams Scholarship Fund
9 Carmine Ave.
Chatham, NJ, 07928

Ted Adderley, Vanderbilt 2001, was working as an analyst for Fred Alger Management, on the World Trade Center's 93rd floor of Tower 1. There is a memorial for him at 2:30 on 10/12 in Nashville, at the Benton Chapel, part of Vanderbilt's Divinity School. Later that evening, a wake will be held at the chapter house.

Kevin Cleary, Wisconsin-Madison 1985, was a stock trader for Eurobrokers. He was working on the 84th floor of the south tower of the World Trade Center when the second jetliner hit. Aside from his business work, he was an

actor and screenwriter, a club owner and restaurateur, and world traveler. A memorial is being held for Brother Cleary, a former Consul of his chapter, on 10/5/01. Note: Euro Brokers recently wrote us: "There is a Memorial Website for all employees lost in 2 WTC on September 11, 2001, who were working for Euro Brokers. You can view photos, share photos and read and write your fondest memories of Kevin in the guest book to share with his family and friends. The URL for the website is:

wtc.technologyshoppe.com/

Keith E. Coleman, Bucknell 1990, age 34, worked in the Equities Division of Cantor Fitzgerald.

Aram Iskenderian, Rochester 1982, worked at Cantor Fitzgerald on the 101st floor of Tower 1. He was speaking to his wife, Sheri, as the plane hit. He has four children, ages 11, 8, and twin 4-year-olds. A memorial service was held for Brother Iskenderian on 9/20/01.

Stephen LaMantia, Roanoke 1985, was an institutional bond trader with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co on the 105th Floor of the World Trade Center. He was a former Consul; husband to Kim, the chapter's 1986 Chapter Sweetheart; and father to

Emily, 9, and Steven, 6. A memorial service was held on 9/29/01. The service was attended by hundreds of friends and family, including 30 alumni brothers from the Tau Chapter. Memorial donations may be made to:

The Stephen LaMantia Children's Education Fund
c/o James P. Hughes
Merrill Lynch
200 Park Avenue 13th Floor
New York, NY 10166

Todd Pelino, Colgate 1989, was in the World Trade Center as a broker for Cantor Fitzgerald, where he had worked for eight years. He was an avid soccer player all his life, last playing at the collegiate Division I level. He is survived by his wife Megan (Pezzuti), a son, 2 1/2, and an infant daughter. His sister-in-law, Kaleen Pezzuti, was also killed in the tragedy. Memorial donations may be made to:

The Todd Pelino '89 Memorial Fund
Colgate University
Attn: Pat Caprio
13 Oak Drive
Hamilton, NY, 13346

David Retik, Colgate 1990, was a founding partner of Alta Communications and a

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Find It Here."

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passenger on American Airlines' Flight 11, which crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. He is survived by a wife who is seven months pregnant and two small children. You may view his company's statement here. Memorial donations may be made to:

David E. Retik and Christopher D. Mello Charitable Foundation, Inc.
Attn: Christine Cahill
Boston Private Bank & Trust
10 Post Office Square

Boston, MA 02109

Glenn D. Kirwin, Virginia 1982, entered the Chapter Eternal September 11 during the attacks in New York City. Kirwin, who worked in the World Trade Center, leaves a Sigma Chi legacy with his younger Sig brother.

John Hart, Wisconsin 1983, entered the Chapter Eternal September 11 due to the attacks in New York City. He was 37. Hart was director of Global Operations for Franklin Templeton Investments in Dub-

lin, Calif, but was in New York City giving a seminar in Two World Trade Center on the morning of the attacks. His family was advised that he was witnessed out of the tower safely, but returned to help others when the building collapsed.

A Day Which Will Live In Infamy...

Capital City Alumni Remember September 11

Unfortunately, I was in New York City on September 11, 2001 for business. I was on a project since April and worked between our World Financial Center and Mid-town offices. Thankfully I wasn't working out of our Financial Center offices that day. Regardless, the affects of witnessing the towers burning, collapsing, etc. are still with me. I remember going up in the elevator that morning and a colleague telling me about a plane hitting the Tower - everyone in the elevator didn't think much of it. The next thing I remember, as I booted up my computer, was people on the 36th floor of our building screaming down the hallway when the 2nd plane hit the other tower. At that point people realized what was really happening.

The next few hours were spent in the large conference room, that overlooked Times Square, watching the news as things progressed. After hearing of

the Pentagon and additional planes hijacked (up to 8 at one point), I thought that planes were going to hit all major cities moving from New York to LA. Some people were in offices that had views of the Trade Towers - I witnessed the towers collapsing live from an office window. An image I'll never forget! All employees were required to stay in the building for protection until further notice. I ended up leaving the office around 2PM and going to a restaurant with a few colleagues that lived in Manhattan to recount our experience.

I wasn't able to leave New York until Saturday (first flight home), so I took walks around the city and was fortunate enough to see the strength of New Yorkers. I saw candle-light vigils throughout the city, locals supporting the firehouses, and the resonating cheers for fireman as they drove through Manhattan on their way to ground zero.

Niles Friedman ~

As a native Washingtonian, I can recall many events, which have affected the Nation's Capital and surrounding area. As we archive our personal accounts and activities of September 11, 2001, I recall being in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia when the news came to evacuate the courthouse. The court room clerk came to me in passing and said the a plane hit the World Trade Center. Moments later she said that a plane had hit the Pentagon, a place where I go to daily to commute into the city and had just left about 20 minutes or so before the shocking event took place.

As we were ordered, by the United States Marshals to evacuate the Superior Court which is located in downtown WDC, I recall walking to my office in Chinatown and hearing the noise from sirens and other emergency vehicles. People had stated that: "the United

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States Capitol had been bombed" and "another bomb had gone off at the State Department and on the National Mall". Hearing this and also hearing jets scrambling over the air of the city, it became evident that we as a Nation were under attack. But by who?? What had we done to deserve this? As I walked to my office, I went to the restaurant located right below my office and saw on television the disaster in New York City. I also watched the television as people panicked to get out of the World Trade Center and the Twin Towers ultimate collapse.

Seeing this, I tried to use my cell to call people; however, the lines were extremely busy. Instead of rushing home, I decided to stay in the city and observed the chaotic retreat of the many government and other workers. Later, in the evening, the yellow line of Metro opened and I traveled over the Washington Channel (Potomac River), where I observed the smoke and the wreckage of the plane, which hit the Pentagon. To me, it was a real awakening that these events were well planned and that America would be at War soon.

Nathan A. Neal, Epsilon '83 ~

On Sept 11th I was making a trip down to Richmond for work. I had been working for a music distributor and had to sell our new releases to some stores in Richmond. I left around 9:00am and got on 395 past the Pentagon and onto 95 South. I was listening to Howard Stern and heard them talking about the plane in NY and I thought it was a joke a first. Then I tuned to the news stations and realized it was all too real. About 20 minutes later I heard the report about the Pentagon being hit. It was only an hour before I had driven past it like any other day. Although now I wondered if it would ever be a normal day there again. As I got to Richmond I went to stop by a store in a mall and got to see the planes flying into the World Trade centers up close. It didn't even seem real. I called my family and friends to make sure everyone was ok and everyone was safe. At that moment I realized that the world was going to be very different and I couldn't take for granted all the freedoms we were used to before.

Brad McCormick, Kappa Rho '02 ~

On September 11, 2001 I was at work in Tyson's Corner. I got a phone call probably around 8:45 am and it was a friend telling me that a plane flew into the World Trade Center. We talked for a while about that tragic accident. Then she said "Oh my god, I just watched another plane fly into the other Tower!" I was in shock. Two accidents? What are the odds. Then I started to realize what was going on. I got off the phone and called my roommate who was in our apartment near the Pentagon. I asked him if he knew what was going on. His response "yeah, they are flying planes into the World Trade Center... I'm watching People's Court"... click. Most of you know Steve.

Meanwhile I went back to work, thinking that it was all over. Then the rumor started flying around the office that they flew a plane into the Pentagon. Again I called my roommate who was a little more concerned this time since the plane flew right over our apartment, probably no more than 500 feet above us. Apparently it shook our apartment. I ran to the window of my office in Tyson's Corner and you could see the smoke from the Pentagon. People started piling into conference rooms to watch the news coverage. I remember that chills went up my spine when I saw a replay of the second plane to fly into the World Trade Center. Co-workers of mine were crying hysterically.

I eventually went back to my desk and got in touch with my parents in Connecticut to let them know I was ok. My mom answered the phone and immediately said to me "What are you doing at work! Go home! Be safe!" Of course my response was "Do you realize where I live and where I work?" She thought about it for a second and said "Oh.... then stay at work all night!"

The rest of that day was tough. We all had work to do, but no one felt like doing it. I knew I had a horrible commute to get back to my apartment. The entire drive which took over an hour, the favorite radio stations that I always listen to were either playing patriotic songs, recounts of what had happened earlier in the day or news reports. It was very sobering to think what had happened and how vulnerable we were. I finally made it home and watched the news all night long. I still couldn't believe it. I knew that September 11, 2001 would be a day that I would remember for the rest of my life - the same way my parents remember exactly where they were when they heard that Kennedy was shot. I will never forget the different emotions I felt throughout that entire day.

Bob Grabowski ~

It was about 9 am and I was about to get up to start getting ready for work. All of a sudden housemate and Sig brother Rob Mellen began pounding on my door. "A plane just hit the World Trade Center," he said. The entire house began looking for various sources to find information, including making calls to our friends at the DoD and on Capitol Hill.

After the plane hit the Pentagon we all tried numerous methods of getting in touch with our families. We ended up getting in touch with one brother's mother and she placed calls to the rest of our families to let them know we were ok.

Even through the shock of the days events, it was great to watch all of the brothers and those around us each trying to do their part. We went to Georgetown Hospital to try to donate blood and to the nearby police department to try to find a way to volunteer.

We were all shocked, but rather than panic everyone really put a good foot forward that day. More than anything, that is

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what I will always remember.

George Schaubhut, Kappa Rho '02 ~

On September 11th I was working on Capitol Hill as a Legislative Correspondent for Congresswoman Tubbs Jones (OH-D). I remember being late to work and arrived about 8:30am it was not soon after I did arrive that the news channels were reporting that the first plane had hit. I briefly consulted with another military/terrorist buff in the office and we immediately knew what we were dealing with. The Chief of Staff refused to agree, arguing that instrument malfunction caused the crash. But the problem didn't affect us directly so I was told, since the Legislative Aide for such issues was sick that day, and I was his understudy, to put out our press release expressing our condolences, etc.

It was soon after that the second plane hit, the Chief of staff refused to take any action, convinced that something had just gone terribly wrong with air traffic control. I had my instant messenger on and Brother mellen contacted me to relay a message from a mutual friend: " he had just seen a plane hit the Pentagon on his way to work." Because of this quick relay of information the Policy Director took my word and we arranged a car and safe house for the Congresswoman. Since our office new about the third plane before the news networks we were one of the first to evacuate the Longworth House Office Building.

The Metro had closed down briefly and I had no way to get back to AU. I got in the car with a coworker but all the major roads were packed. We sat, not moving for over 30minutes. The false reports were flying in of additional bombings, the smoke was so thick from the Pentagon that rumors of a downed helicopter on the Mall were very believable. I made the 30 minute trip home in 2 hours. I sat with Brother Chauvin and his girlfriend watching the news for the rest of the day, trying to get news to family and keeping in touch with other brother's efforts to give blood, and volunteer for MPD. By the end of the night myself and Brother Pervez watched the Military Humvees drive down Mass. Ave.

James Paulisciewicz, Kappa Rho '02 ~

This was an interesting day, in that I was in the area and watched it unfold. Two weeks prior I was in Beijing, China for business and, due to a delay, the trip took a week longer than expected. If it were not for the delay, I would have been in the Customs House at World Trade 7 the morning of the attacks. As it went, I was in Jersey City the morning of the attacks gearing up for the office inspection at the Customs Office at the Newark International Airport. As the attacks happened, we watched the plane hit the second building and everything started to go crazy. Special Agents were gearing up to respond in the event they were needed, and the team and I were in the car heading back to Washington.

We were then advised the pentagon had been hit. My father spent 32 years in the Navy, three of them in Vietnam, and

now my wife, a caption in the U.S. Army had a new set of problems to deal with. I contacted her to let her know that we were ok, and on our way home. Erica advised me that her base was in lockdown and she was unsure when she would be released. She is a scientist and runs her own bio-weapons lab.

What I will always remember, is how my sigma chi brothers were the first to start calling my home, cell phone, and pager to make sure I was ok. Most knew I was in the New York area, but others after hearing about the Customs House called just to check in. My wife always impressed by the Sigma Chi, only said -- what a great bunch of guys.

P.S. My mom called the next day.

Tim "Cricket" Wargo, Iota Xi '61 ~

I was nowhere near the scenes of attacks. Though I was in DC, I was on the other side of the city from the Pentagon. Yet, upon hearing of the attacks, I felt I couldn't be any closer to the scenes. Lest we forget, though we all hoped the scope of the attacks were limited, we had no knowledge of the extent of the plot at the time—the entire East Coast could have been a target.

I was at my desk for my current employer, Cafe Deluxe and Tortilla Coast Restaurants, when my co-worker, Heather, sitting catty-corner to me, got off the phone with her mother and turned around to announce a plane had collided into one of the WTC towers. The few of us in the office did not seem to think of it as anything other than a tragic accident. So, without much comment, we all turned back to our work.

We must have all been thinking about what happened because there was barely a peep until Heather's mom called again and she started crying. We all stopped, waited for her to put down the phone and tell us "another plane crashed into the second tower." I immediately thought "this is how it must have felt upon the news of John Kennedy's assassination."

It wasn't until the benefit concert that the shock finally started to fade and the reconciliation process begin. When Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Bank kicked off the program with "My City of Ruins," I knew everything was going to be all right, that Americans would feel the same way and pull together towards the common causes of compassion and humility.

September 11, while horrific and wicked, was a glorious wake up call. That made me prouder than ever to be an American.

Grant Olan, Kappa Rho '01 ~

That morning, I walked by an office with a T.V. on and some people gawking at it, I walked by and thought it was

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some sort of financial report on Bloomberg. When I walked past again, I stopped in and was floored by what I saw. I went back to my desk and received two panicked calls from my mother and girlfriend. My friend in NYC emailed me a message to go home immediately.

In 5 minutes, Brother Adam Harrington and I were among the mass of people walking through the K St. corridor. We ended up on a bus and went back to 2715 Wisconsin Ave. I didn't realize the magnitude of the situation for a while. In the end, my home town of Glen Rock, NJ lost 10 residents (one of the highest percentages in the state). My next door neighbor Tim Finnerty died that day. I keep his memory alive everyday (I even stole Tinger's three tap on beer cans, T-I-M). Tim always took time to genuinely get to know people. He therefore understood the real nature of individuals and used this understanding to make them feel most comfortable and at ease in his presence (visit www.fundforfinn.org for more info).

Scott McCready, Kappa Rho '01 ~

I was sitting in the rear seat of Red Top cab just south of the Pentagon on the morning of September 11th. On the radio

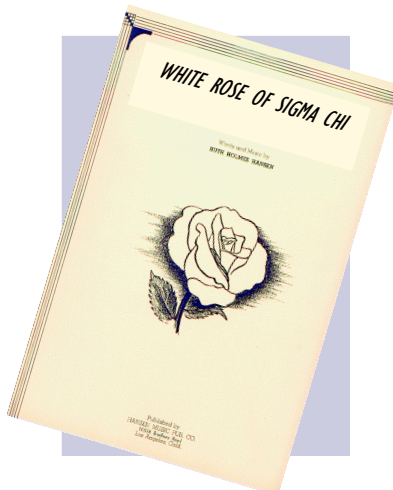
played a report that two planes had hit the World Trade Center. In shock and reflection I looked out the window and saw a passenger plane flying parallel to 395 dip below the horizon.

I thought to myself "that plane is not in the flight path for National." I watched moments later the black clouds of smoke rolling up from the earth masking my view of DC. The cabbie kicked me out at Pentagon City Mall and from there I walked to the fifth deck of the parking garage to see the site. From that vantage point I felt the secondary explosions.

Over the last six months, I have been employed at the Navy Annex, which overlooks the E-ring section five of Pentagon or what we now refer to as the impact zone. I have witnessed the construction crews rebuild the damage and replace the stones to mend the wounds. Today, the exterior is complete

though if I look closely from my office at the façade you can see the building's scars told by the uneven tones in the new brick. It only takes a second while looking at the Pentagon to relive those moments from a year ago.

Ryan Harmon, Alpha Nu '00 ~

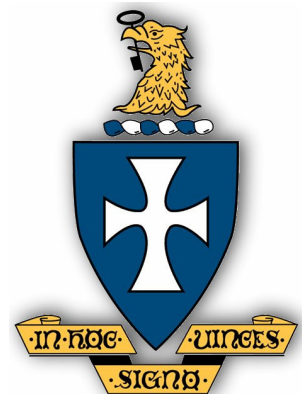


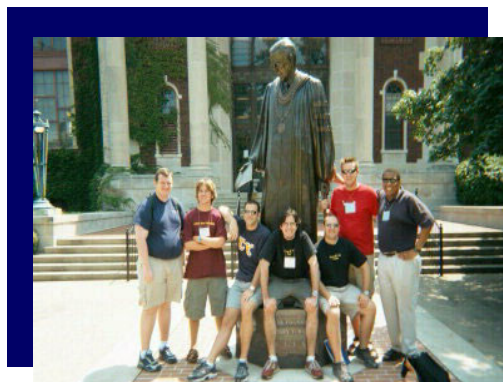
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Upcoming Events

- **September 3** - *Kappa Rho Open Rush* - 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Georgetown Billiards
- **September 12** - *Kappa Rho Closed Rush* - 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Wisconsin House
- **September 10** - *Sigma Chi Rho Housing Trust Meeting* - 8:30 pm, American University
- **September 11** - *Capital City Alumni Meeting* - 7:00 pm, Chadwick's of Georgetown
- **September 14** - *Kappa Rho Formal Pledging Begins*
- **September 16** - *Sigma Chi Executive Committee Meeting*





Brothers of the Kappa Rho chapter at Balfour Leadership Training Workshop



Local Undergradute Chapters

Michael Lally

Both the Kappa Rho (American University) and Iota Xi (George Mason University) chapters have had successful summers and are looking forward to the fall semester.

Kappa Rho, under the leadership of past consul George Schaubhut and its current Consul and former Pro Consul, John Lenss, was again successful in its goal of winning the J. Dwight Peterson Significant Chapter

award. This is the third consecutive Peterson for the chapter.

Iota Xi had a strong showing at BLTW, dramatically improving the chapter's Peterson score from last year. With the continued leadership of Consul, Dave Faulk, the chapter should be in an excellent position to win the Peterson next summer. As has always been the case, the chapter will have the full backing and support of the Capital City Alumni Asso-

ciation in their mission.

Iota Xi and Kappa Rho will continue this coming semester, as in semesters past, to shape the Eastern Province with their diligence and determination.

Find Kappa Rho and Iota Xi, respectively on the web at:

eagle3.american.edu/~jl1236a/sigmachi

And

www.sigma-chi.org



Brothers of the Iota Xi chapter at Balfour Leadership Training Workshop

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