

Capital City Constantine

SIGMA CHI
CAPITAL CITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Report of the President

Nathan A. Neal - E '83

Our first official **Christmas** and **Holiday Party** will be held on **Wednesday, December 18, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.** Our meeting headquarters, **CHADWICKS OF GEORGETOWN, 3205 "K" Street, NW in Washington DC, 202-333-2565** has persuaded the membership to have the event at their establishment. The event is our only jacket and tie gathering and girlfriends, guests, dates, wives and significant others are welcomed. The cost of the event is **\$25.00 for one person, \$40.00 per couple** and there will be an open bar, white and red wines, and an assorted selection of draft beers and soft drinks. There will be plenty of food and the festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last until 9:30 p.m. Holiday decorations will be significantly visible. Please

RSVP to Bob Grabowski no later than **Thursday, December 12, 2002**, at bob_grabowski@hotmail.com Please send payment made payable to Capital City Alumni to either our post office box, **CAPITAL CITY ALUMNI, PO BOX 1414, WASHINGTON, DC 20013** or to Bob's home address: **1920 COLUMBIA PIKE, APARTMENT # 13, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22204**. Our relationship with **CHADWICKS OF GEORGETOWN** has grown thanks to its owner Tom Russo and a former colleague, Matt O'Hara. From the beginning, **CHADWICKS OF GEORGETOWN** has welcomed us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and has given us private rein of the upstairs area to conduct many of our social meetings and gatherings. Thank you

CHADWICKS. THERE WILL BE NO FULL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2002, DUE TO THE HOLIDAY PARTY THE FOLLOWING WEEK; HOWEVER, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THAT DAY AND ANYONE IS WELCOMED. THE LOCATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED.

It seems like yesterday, when we first started Capital City Alumni in September 2001, and had our first social meeting at CHADWICKS OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS on October 11, 2001. Twenty-Eight (28) SIG's were interested in this new Alumni Sigma Chi Association of which 14 were from Kappa

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A Sig Vacation

Ryan Harmon - AN '99

Its time once again to grab Clark and Rusty and pack up the car to head out

to Grand Chapter 2003. This year Grand Chapter will be held from June 25-29 at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at Seawold. This meeting is held to address Fraternity business like conducting election for Grand Officers, honoring the achievements of our brothers and celebrating the founding of our be-

loved fraternity. Cap City wants to send a delegation to represent the Washington, DC Area. If you would like to attend, please contact Ryan Harmon by email at va_longhorn@hotmail.com



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Report Of The President (cont'd)

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Rho (American University), 7 from Epsilon (George Washington University), 2 from Iota Xi (George Mason University), 1 from Iota Nu (Furman University), 1 from Alpha Nu (The University of Texas at Austin), 1 from Beta Theta (University of Pittsburgh), 1 from Alpha Rho (Lehigh University). Today, the Treasurer Bob Grabowski reports that we have a recorded membership of 47, three of our active alumni work and/or live in the Big Apple. In the next edition of the CAPITAL CITY CONSTANTINE, to be published about the last week in December 2002, or the first week of January 2003, we will reminisce on our year and one-half and focus on the many activities that Capital City has participated. It is hoped that Capital City will be awarded an Alumni Chapter Charter at the next regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting January 31 – February 2, 2003, in Orlando, Florida with this effort. I have learned and it has been reported in the SIGMA CHI BULLETIN that Executive Committee Grand Trustee Member Robert H.W. “Bob” Jones has expressed some concern and/or has abstained from voting for the approval of Capital City as a Sigma Chi entity. Let’s hope that with our growth in membership and our continued work on behalf of the General Fraternity that many of his reserves about Capital City have been squelched. I may need your help in the process of securing our official Charter at the 2003 Executive Committee meeting, we have met all of the conditions for

an Alumni Chapter outlined under the Sigma Chi governing laws and there should be no problem, nevertheless, I may be calling upon the membership’s help.

At our last social meeting, not much business was on the agenda; however, we did talk great deal about New Orleans’ Grand Chapter and *Laissez les bons temps roulez* and the upcoming Orlando, Florida’s Grand Chapter on which Brother Ryan Harmon has written a separate article herein. Wow, many of us are already excited about Orlando, Florida Grand Chapter this summer!! We also had the pleasure of welcoming into our ranks two additional SIG’s from around the country, Horsizons Graduate Cody Keenan, Omega Chapter (Northwestern University 2002) and Bill Knapp, Alpha Gamma (Ohio State 2001).

As we start this **HOLIDAY SEASON**, I want to express my many thanks to the members of Capital City who have worked tirelessly on the many projects of our new SIG Alumni Association. At the beginning, there were some who stated that: “we would not make it in the Washington, DC area given the two other Alumni Chapters in the area”. It is only with your help and dedication to the principles of the Sigma Chi Fraternity that our Association has strived. “WE HAVE FOUND IT HERE.” Special thanks is to be given to our Editor Mike Lally who has kept CAPITAL CITY CONSTANTINE published on a regular basis, nine (9) Newsletters and two (2) Capital City Newsflashes. Thanks Mike.

And, special thanks is also to be given to Bob Grabowski our Treasurer who has been able to gather our funds from the payment of dues and donations to make Capital City a success. Thanks Bob. Also, thanks is given to Grant Olan who hosted our second event at Tortilla Coast Restaurant on November 8, 2001, which changed the course of Capital City and made many Brothers excited about our new Washington, DC alumni SIG Association. Grant also worked hard in preparing Capital City’s first SIGNIFICANT SIG nomination. Thanks Grant. I also want to thank the actives of both undergraduate Chapters we support, Iota Xi, our parent undergraduate Chapter, and Kappa Rho for their continued contribution to the success of our newsletter, CAPITAL CITY CONSTANTINE. Thanks Iota Xi and Kappa Rho. For me, I feel blessed that so many of you have helped and wanted to become a part of this Sigma Chi Association, hopefully soon to be Chapter. I am grateful to be your President and leader. God Bless you all, you are my Brothers and I thank you for everything you have done for Capital City and for the General Fraternity. Looking forward towards an exciting and prosperous New Year.

And, lastly, to all Capital City members, I am wishing you all a very happy and blessed **HOLIDAY SEASON**. May the Spirit of the Fraternity and the principles for which we all strive help you in your daily lives with friends, family and acquaintances. Happy Holidays!

“You Will
Find It Here.”



EX Capital City Alumni Association Holiday Party
Wednesday, December 18, 2002 ~ 7:00 ~ 9:30 PM
Chadwick's of Georgetown
\$25 for one, \$40 per couple

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The Living Ritual

Michael S. Lally - KP '99

My recent experiences at Sigma Chi Alumni Training in Nashville have had a profound effect on my view of our fraternity and the many aspects of it. The training provided me with a myriad of exciting, new ideas on what I can do to advance our organization, and grow as a Sig in the process. I was able to meet men of truly different temperaments, talents and convictions all with a common interest: the prosperity of Sigma Chi. I have an amazing perspective on how business in the fraternity is done at the International level and what my role as an alumnus should be. Above all, I have a renewed fervor for the lifelong commitment I've made to Sigma Chi and a greater appreciation for the main reason we all continue active membership in this fraternity.... The Ritual.

Many organizations have some type of ritual. Some are very informal and loosely structured; others are very formal and precisely worded. Various ritual of a public nature exists all around us. Fraternity ritual is of a different sort all together. It is guarded and secret. In many cases it stays locked away in a dark cabinet, ignored, only to be opened, viewed, and used for a short period - maybe once a semester. At that point the ritual takes precedence and be-

comes important again. People scramble to memorize lines and clamber to perform in a dimly lit room. For a brief moment, the ritual is presented with great feeling and seriousness. For those seeing it for the first time, it's probably an emotional experience. This rarely lasts, however, because within a few hours it's back to collecting dust until next semester.

This is not the case with Sigma Chi. From the moment of our initiation, we have all seen that this ritual is different. Often times, I see Sigs reading the ritual, discussing it, and sometimes even arguing about its meaning. Some are inclined to memorize it, not because its required, but because they have a desire to. Those actions exemplify the ritual of Sigma Chi - the living ritual.

Why do we refer to our ritual as living? I've recently thought about this question and answered it for myself. Our ritual serves us in chapter meetings and in our daily lives, alike. Although it can be used in various capacities, when you peel away the layers, the essence of our ritual is fundamentally a system of values. While our ritual rarely changes, it is far from a static entity. It is the product of history and the spirit of man and how he relates to

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Important Dates

12/7/02 - Kappa Rho's (AU) Initiation - TBA

12/7/07 - Sigma Chi Rho Housing Trust, Inc. Meeting - Campus, AU

12/11/02 - Executive Committee Meeting - TBA

12/18/02 - **Christmas/Holiday Party** - 7:00 PM, Chadwicks of Georgetown

1/9/03 - Meeting/ Social Event - Chadwicks of Georgetown

1/31/03 - 2/2/03 - Sigma Chi Executive Committee Meeting - Orlando, FL

2/12/03 - Meeting/Social Event - **Hooters of WDC**

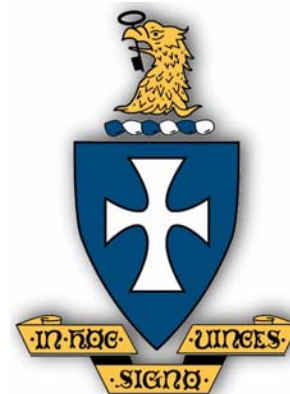
2/15/02 - Annual Report Due to Headquarters - Evanston, IL

2/03 - Iota Xi's (GMU) Initiation - TBA

2/22/03 - Capital City Workshop - TBA

2/03 or 3/03 - Capital City's Alumni Chapter Installation - TBA

3/12/03 - Meeting/Social Event - Chadwicks of Georgetown



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his fellow man and to his God. These relationships have never been static ones. and are not easily deciphered. Like these relationships, our ritual is simultaneously bewildering and enlightening, laborious and healing, a severance and a reunion and although it appears contradictory, our ritual is really no more of a contradiction than man himself. We easily forget that, man in inherently both animal and spiritual in nature. Reconciling these disparate parts can often be painful, confusing, and frightening. And that is why it is so critical that we understand the living ritual and how to use it.

As a system of values, our ritual lends itself as an instrument for self-

evaluation. As such, the values of our ritual are absolute, and yet difficult to emulate. To live your life based on an ideal is not a small task. I've heard it said that our ritual is so significant because, with it, our Founders took the idea of friendship and advanced it to the concept of commitment.

By understanding the ritual, incorporating it into our lives, and experiencing it as the living entity it is, we continue to strive, on a daily basis, for the ideal on which our brotherhood is so firmly based. By pledging Sigma Chi, we did so much more than making a commitment to a single class, chapter or even province. Our pledgeship of, and our continuing membership in Sigma Chi is a commitment to self. It is a statement

that we will make each moment of our lives a testament to our values and our belief in friendship, justice and learning.

The worth of our ritual is lost unless we make the decision to incorporate it into all facets of our life. Without a conscientious effort, it is impossible to infuse your spirit and moral fiber with the depth of our ritual. Only those who commit will see the level of excellence possessed by all men, but achieved by only a few. Our ritual is a road map to help us each along our journey of life and assist us in our communion with our fellow travelers. It exists not to make us better Sigma Chi's, but better human beings.

Of Note...

Teddy Novin (KP, '98) should be congratulated on his December 8th wedding to Kristi Lynn Altriger.

Rob Farrow (KP, '01), George Schaubhut (KP '01), Lloyd Belcher (KP), and Mike Stocker (KP) are working on at Chevy Chase Buick Hyundai in NW Washington. They are anxious to make some deals for any Sigs who'd like to call them at 202-537-1300.

Sigs in High Places



The Capital City Alumni Association would like to extend its warmest congratulations to the following Sigma Chis for winning their respective elections on Tuesday, Nov. 5 and serving in our nation's congress.

U.S. House of Representatives

Sam Farr (D-California) - Willamette 1963, was reelected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Jim Gerlach (R-Pennsylvania) - Dickinson 1977, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Steny H. Hoyer (D-Maryland) - Maryland 1963, was reelected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Henry Hyde (R-Illinois) - Duke 1946, was reelected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mike Oxley (R-Ohio) - Miami (Ohio) 1966, was reelected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Chip Pickering (R-Mississippi) - Mississippi 1986, was reelected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Bill Shuster (R-Pennsylvania) - Dickinson 1983, was reelected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ike Skelton (D-Missouri) - Missouri-Columbia 1953, was reelected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

U.S. Senate

Lamar Alexander (R-Tennessee) - Vanderbilt 1962, was elected to the U.S. Senate.

Saxby Chambliss (R-Georgia) - Georgia 1966, was elected to the U.S. Senate.

Michael Enzi (R-Wyoming) - George Washington 1966, was reelected to the U.S. Senate.



Sigs Already Holding Office

John Ensign (R-Nevada) - Nevada-Las Vegas 1980, currently serves in the U.S. Senate.

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