



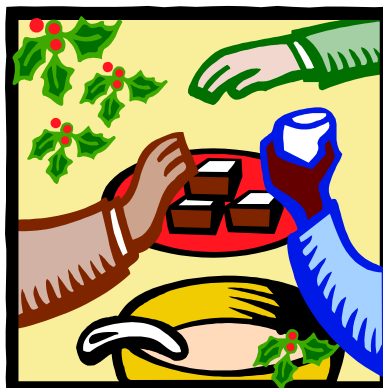
Seasons Greetings and a Holiday Message

Nathan A. Neal - E '83

Our second official **Christmas and Holiday Party** will be held on **Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.** We will return to

TORTILLA COAST ON CAPITOL HILL, 400 First Street SE in Washington, DC, 202.546.6768. It's right across the street from the Capitol Hill Metro Station. (TORTILLA COAST ON CAPITOL HILL was the location of our 3rd meeting on November 8, 2001, in which Capital City Member Grant Olan, KP '02 was instrumental in allowing us to have a fantastic time.) Social Chairman Brad McCormick has indicated that there will a private room with an open bar of beer and margaritas for three hours, along with various appetizers. The cost is **\$20.00 for one person, \$35.00 per couple.** This event is open to all Sigma Chi alumni, friends, significant others, etc., but we need a total head count by **Wednesday, December 3rd** and all money must be in by **Wednesday, December 10th.** Please **RSVP** to Brad McCormick at bradmc2000@hotmail.com All checks should be made out to: **CAPITAL CITY ALUMNI** and payments sent to: **CAPITAL CITY ALUMNI, PO BOX 1414, WASHINGTON, DC 20013.** **THERE WILL BE NO FULL MEETING**

OF THE MEMBERSHIP ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2003, DUE TO THE HOLIDAY PARTY THE FOLLOWING WEEK; HOWEVER, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THAT DATE AND ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. THE LOCATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED. ITEMS



OF BUSINESS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE SENT TO ME BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2003, NASTYSIG@AOL.COM

Our membership has grown over the 2½ years and it has become impossible for me to list the various schools and locations of our members in this short article. In the next edition of the *CAPITAL CITY CONSTANTINE*, to be published about the first week of January 2004, we will reminisce on the last two and one-half years and focus on the many activities

that Capital City has participated.

On the Horizon for the month of December 2003, Kappa Rho Initiation, which is on Saturday, December 6, 2003. Contact Kappa Rho's Magister, Dan Krupnick dankrup@yahoo.com for further information. Also, on December 6, 2003, is an Alumni event at Sigma Chi Sigma, John Hopkins University. Contact Joe Chung, (Utah State & John Hopkins 2005) for more information, virtue@jhu.edu. Also, be prepared to pick up your tickets for our fundraiser, a night for two at Morton's Steak House of Chicago. Contact Cap City Treasurer James Paluskiewicz at james_paluskiewicz@yahoo.com Additionally, the Epsilon Housing Trust, Inc. will hold a meeting at City

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Club of Washington, DC, 1300 "T" Street, NW on Monday, December 8, 2003. Contact EHT President Frank Araby at Frank.Araby@telelogic.com for more information.

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 Chapter. For me, I feel blessed that so many of

you have helped and wanted to become a part of this Sigma Chi Alumni 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 to an exciting and prosperous New Year, I wish you all a very happy and blessed **HOLIDAY SEASON**. May the Spirit of the Fraternity and the principals

for which we all strive help you in your daily lives with friends, family and acquaintances. Happy Holidays.

In Hoc Signo Vincas

A Challenge Is Issued

Bill Creighton - AΘ '58

Brothers, I am throwing down my gauntlet and challenging you to join this old codger, Derek Richey and Stephen Scott in the Arthritis Foundation Jingle Bell Run/Walk on Saturday, December 6th. More details of DC-area Sigs can be found later in this newsletter. If you accept the

challenge, you can find general information and applica-



tions online at www.arthritisfoundation.org.

As a gesture of solidarity between the three Washington area alumni chapters, please sign up as a member of "Team Sigma Chi." For those of you who cannot or don't want to be a participant but would like to contribute, you can do so at bcreighton.chariteam.com. Thank you for your support.

"I am throwing down the gauntlet!"

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What Is the Meaning of True Brotherhood?

Bill Creighton - AΘ '58

Recently while reading an article by the above title, a story of personal experience came to mind that I would like to share with you. Some years ago, there was a Sigma Chi pledge brother who was having a difficult time meeting his financial obligations to his chapter. After much deliberation he came to the conclusion that his best course of action was to turn in his pledge pin and leave the pledge class. He went to the Magister and he tearfully told him that he must depledge because he could not meet his financial commitments. He surrendered his pledge pin and left the Sig house. Later that day two active brothers approached the former pledge and asked him why he had depledged. The young man told the brothers that although he loved Sigma Chi and the members of the chapter, he could not in good conscious continue his pledgeship knowing that he would be unable to pay his dues. The two brothers

asked him if they were to pay his fraternity bills would he agree to return to the pledge class. Not knowing how to respond to their suggestion the young man thought about their proposal for a short time and he accepted their offer. Eventually, the young man was voted the outstanding pledge in his class and today is a Life Loyal Sig who is very active in Sigma Chi.



The two actives helped a brother in need by providing spiritual as well as financial

support by mentoring and encouraging the young pledge. This is but one of the many examples of true brotherhood. What kind of brother are you? One that helps a brother in distress by providing compassion and strong arms, or are you satisfied to leave that effort to someone else? Ask yourself how do I measure up as a true brother?

"What kind of brother are you?"

Upcoming Events

11/12/03 - *Meeting/Social Event* - Chadwick's of Georgetown 6:30 pm to 9:00 p.m.

12/7/03 - *Kappa Rho Fall Initiation* - TBA

12/7/03 - *Sigma Chi Rho Housing Trust Board of Directors Meeting* - TBA

12/8/03 - *Epsilon Housing Trust, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting* - TBA

12/10/03 or 12/17/03 - *Christmas/Holiday Party* - TBA

1/14/04 - *Meeting/ Social Event* - Chadwick's of Georgetown 6:30 pm to 9:00 p.m.

1/04 or 2/04 - *Sigma Chi Executive Committee Meeting* - TBA

2/11/04 - *Meeting/Social Event* - Chadwick's of Georgetown 6:30 pm to 9:00 p.m.

2/15/04 - *Annual Report Due to Headquarters* - Evanston, Illinois

Don't Forget Your Raffle Tickets!



Raffle tickets for the Capital City Alumni Chapter "Dinner for Two at Morton's" which includes a \$200 gift certificate to Morton's of Chicago Restaurant are on sale NOW!!! Please contact Cap City Treasurer, James Paluskiewicz at james_paluskiewicz@yahoo.com for more information or to purchase tickets.



Province Reports



Kappa Rho

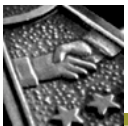
Charles Perego, Kustos

To All Alumni Brothers of Sigma Chi: The Brothers of the Kappa Rho chapter would like to cordially invite you to the initiation ceremonies of the Kappa class of the Kappa Rho Chapter on Saturday, December 6, 2003, at 9 o'clock in the morning. The event will take place at Friendship Hall of the Oddfellows Order, located on the corner of 24th and G Streets, NW. Parking is at a mini-

mum in the area, and we would ask that public transportation be used, if at all possible. The hall is a short walk from the Foggy Bottom Metro station. All brothers are also invited to a small reception on the premises following



the ceremonies. We hope to see many of you there, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 202-885-7587. *In Hoc*



For the Good

John Miller, EP Grand Preator, KP '02

"For the Good..." We know those words so well, perhaps too well to the extent that we say them without sincerity. The phrase is understood by us a preface for words to follow that are meant to mend fences and promote the positive direction of our brotherhood. As we work together, let us remember that it is both our words and actions as brothers in Sigma Chi that are meant to promote the positive direction that is best for our union. In our humaneness, our motives are not always pure and honest. Each day we have an opportunity to choose a new path that is for the good.

For the good, we have an upcoming opportunity to share our brotherhood and contribute to undergraduate success. The Brothers Day Conference (Province Conference) is scheduled for Saturday, February 28th. The day portion is tentatively scheduled for meeting facilities at

American University. The Brothers Day Banquet will be at the Embassy Row Hilton, close to metro facilities. The day promises to be packed with fruitful sessions as well as plenty of fun.

Our three alumni chapters have agreed to sponsor the day sessions at American. Capital City will facilitate a



workshop on Peterson Award Preparedness. The Northern Virginia Chapter will sponsor a workshop on Increasing Chapter Participation. The Washington DC Alumni Chapter will sponsor a workshop on Chapter Organization. Grand Pro Consul Keith

Krach is attempting to arrange his schedule to be with us as a keynote speaker for the day session.

The Province Coordinating Committee will begin to plan the details for the day soon after Thanksgiving. Please mark your calendars now and be there "for the good..."

For the good, we are delaying the scheduling of the installation of the Johns Hopkins Sigma Chi Sigmas until May 22. The March date had too much risk. If you would like to be involved as a member of the advisor board, we could use one representative from Capital City to be part of this great opportunity. Your participation would require at least a monthly visit to the chapter.

For the good, have a good holiday. Enjoy yourself and your family and friends. Resolve to choose the pure and honest paths in 2004.

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Sigma Chi Horizons

Jeffery Greene, Sigma Chi Horizons Chairman

Horizons 2004 will be rolling out to our younger undergraduates over the next few months. Your involvement is critical. Horizons needs the highest caliber of applicants from across our Fraternity, and you play an important part in facilitating that process.

Undergraduates who meet program criteria will receive personalized e-mail alerts beginning November 20. These messages will direct all informational inquiries to the Horizons Interactive site (www.sigmachi.org/horizons), establishing a central point of access to information and application materials.

Horizons needs your help to coach, mentor and encourage high potential candidates, to consider applying. There is nothing more powerful in our Fraternity than a knowledgeable and respected Alumnus acting as a coach for our undergraduate and

Pledge Brothers. Qualified applicants must fully complete the online application and submit a letter of reference by February 15, 2004, have a minimum of two (2) years remaining in their undergraduate studies, have been initiated as of June 1, 2004, and of course be in good chapter and Sigma Chi standing.

The Horizons Operating Board selects program attendees through a review of candidate's application that includes biographical information, three personal essay questions, and a reference letter. The Horizons program utilizes a competitive selection process that evaluates each candidate in the following areas:

- Commitment to involvement in chapter, campus, and community activities
- Desire to learn more about one's self and others
- Maturity that includes an honest

and genuine reflection of self and personal insight into one's talents and values

- An understanding of and demonstration of actions that are congruent with Sigma Chi values
- A potential for future leadership

The importance of your coaching role in helping to encourage the right candidates to apply cannot be overemphasized. We especially need your help at the many chapters who have never had a Horizons applicant or participant. We will take every reasonable measure to ensure this opportunity is available to qualified individuals from these undergraduate chapters.

The Horizons 2004 on-line application will be available on or about January 5, 2004, at www.sigmachi.org/horizons. The Selection Committee will only review complete applications received at

Jingle Bell Run

Northern Virginia Alumni Chapter

We solicit your help for a worthy cause. This year the Washington Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation is hosting its 20th Annual Jingle Bell Fun Run/Walk for Arthritis (JBR), Saturday, December 6th, 2003 at 9:00 AM in Freedom Plaza. The start and finish lines will be on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the Old Post Office Pavillion. The Washington event is the oldest JBR in the nation and proceeds this year will go toward finding a cure for juvenile rheumatoid arthritis that afflicts over 300,000 children in this country alone. Many of these children are among the 830,000 arthritis sufferers who live in metropolitan Washington.

Supporting this worthy cause, the three Sigma Chi Alumni Chapters of the greater Washington DC metropolitan area have been challenged to raise teams to compete in the event.

The Northern Virginia Sigma Chi Alumni point of contact (POC) is Brother Derek Richey, Delta Chi '01 (derek.richey@us.ibm.com); The Washington DC Sigma Chi Alumni POC is Brother Jim Heller, Gamma Phi '92 (jim@1z.com); and Capital City Sigma Chi Alumni should contact Brother Ryan Harmon, Alpha Nu



'99 (va_longhorn@hotmail.com). Please contact one of the aforementioned Sigs if you are interested in joining one of our teams. By the way, if you are not a runner, remember that the event is the Jingle Bell Fun Run **AND Walk**. If you sign up

before November 30th the registration fee is a mere \$25.00. NOTE: If you are a NOVA Alumni Chapter Sig and are also attending the Annual Metropolitan Holiday Party later that evening, the cost of your JBR entry is only \$15.00 -- NOVA will pay the difference to the JBR Committee.

Even if you are not a runner or walker, the JBR could still use your help as a route volunteer. If you are so disposed toward this option, feel free to contact either Brother Walt Cooner, Beta Chi '74 (cooner@erinet.com) or Randy Coppersmith, Theta Beta '79 (randycop@aol.com) and either of them will put you in touch with the proper Arthritis Foundation JBR committee chairperson(s).

We hope to see you there -- either competing or on the sidelines -- December 6th.

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In Hoc Signo Vinces



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