



Report of the President

Nathan A. Neal - E '83

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be **Wednesday, October 8, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at CHADWICKS OF GEORGETOWN** located at **3205 "K" Street, NW in Washington DC, 202-333-2565.** Our

first meeting and social in September back into the swing of

things was well attended and it was great to see faces and catch up on events, which transpired over the summer.

The fruits of our September 2003, meeting/social are shown in this newsletter with reports from the Awards Committee on our new undergraduate scholarship program; the Social Committee on the upcoming social agenda as well as other committee chairman reports and related topics discussion.

September is always a busy month for us attending undergraduate Recruitment events and the resulting Formal Pledging of new men. Most of us also attend previously scheduled Sigma Chi House Corporation meetings for the two House

Corporations Capital City primarily supports and, a great deal of the membership attended a Memorial Service held at Founder Benjamin Piatt Runkle's gravesite in Arlington Cemetery which was followed by a social at the original location of Red Hot and Blue in Arlington, Vir-



First KP Consul, Steve Nesspor, holds the ΣΧ charter

and the trials and tribulations we all went through to obtain the Charter. At time, some didn't think it would happen; however, from day one I said, "We will bring a Sigma Chi Chapter to American University, I don't know the exact date, but I guarantee that it will come, I promise." And as

you celebrate your 4th Birthday, keep up the good work, be the best you can be; be men of character, and promote FRIENDSHIP, JUSTICE and LEARNING.

October also marks the month that many of us will be running in a few races. Some of us will

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ginia.

The month of October marks the 4th Birthday of Kappa Rho. The Sigma Chi birthday is October 9, 2003; however, the official start of the local Chapter a/k/a Founder's Day is the 25th of January Happy Birthday Kappa Rho. It seems like yesterday to me.

I am extremely proud of how far you have come over the years and recall my first meeting with the Founding Fathers Sigma Chi Rho, 9 of whom were in attendance

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be in attendance and running the 19th Army Ten-Miler, which will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2003, at 8:00 a.m. in Washington, DC and other will be in attendance and running the 28th Marine Corps Marathon, which will be held on October 26, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. Good Luck to all of the SIG'S in these events.

See you all on **Wednesday, October 8, 2003, at Chadwicks, 7:00 pm.**



Brothers of KP, October 9, 1999

Runkle Remembered Ryan Harmon, AN '99

Bathed in sunlight while nestled between tree shadows, courage rest. On September 6th, our brothers stood united to pay tribute to Founder Runkle. While we had never met the man, we have felt his grip through hands of our brothers and witnessed the affect of his courage upon our lives.

Founder Runkle spoke of the

courageous acts witnessed during the Civil War in his address to the Grand Chapter entitled "True Manhood". He professed to the brothers that Courage is not an animal instinct, but strong conviction to act for Purpose. To them, he posed this charge:

"Oh, ye sons and successors of the heroic dead, can you, can any young American, in

the face of these examples of true manhood, make the mere getting of money, the enjoyment of luxury, the climbing into place by the disgraceful means in common use, the aim and end of life?"

As we reflect upon his words, let us be mindful of courage while we seek to make our lives an exemplary expression.

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Birthday Kappa
Rho."

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Epsilon Housing Trust Report

Frank Araby - E '84

On September 20th The Epsilon Housing Trust had its 19th annual meeting at TGI Friday's in DC. The current members of the board are:

Frank Araby E '84, President
 Paul Beattie E '83, Vice President
 John Forst E '84, Treasurer
 Jason Patnosh E '99, Secretary
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 Walt Cooner BE '73
 Nathan Neal E '83
 Marc Brown E '86
 Dave Asselin E '89
 R. Mikel Currei E '96
 George Schaubhut KP '02
 Ryan Walker 0A '02

Also in attendance at the meeting were Brothers Joseph Allen E '95 and Bill Creighton Alpha Omicron '58.

Before the meeting several of us had the opportunity to inspect the former Epsilon Chapter house, which is currently being leased by the local Chapter of

the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. We also toured GWU's New Greek Row and were happy to see that it was fully occupied.

I would like to take the time to recognize Brother Creighton who retired from the board on Saturday, for his years of service to Sigma Chi. The Cross certainly shines brighter because of him. Additionally I would like to recognize Brother Casner for his 35 years of membership.

The board's main goal at this time is to have Epsilon reinstated as soon as possible. To this end we have appointed Dave Asselin as Rush Chairman. Dave has already been in contact with Headquarters and the Grand Praetor Jon Miller. We have a nascent plan established and you will see more information in the near future.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 8th. For those who would like to attend, please call me at 703.708.1424.

Many Thanks to
 Brother Bill
 Creighton for his
 years of service!

James Messina (KP '98) is excited to announce that after reuniting earlier this year with his college Sweetheart, Megan Konys, they are engaged and planning a wedding for September 2004!

Social Chair Report

Brad McCormick

The Sunday NFL Ticket Party at the Clarendon Grill was a great success, many brothers showed up to watch their favorite teams. The next Sunday NFL Ticket Party will be at the Clarendon Grill Sunday October 19th. Don't miss the meeting October 9!!!

Upcoming Events

10/8/03 - Meeting/Social Event - Chadwicks of Georgetown 6:30 pm to 9:00 p.m.

10/9/03 - Happy Birthday Kappa Rho - TBA from PAPA NASTY

10/26/03 - Capital City SIG's on the Run Marine Corps Marathon - Streets of WDC & Arlington, Virginia

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



Province Reports



Kappa Rho - American University Dan Krupnik - Magister

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It is my honor to announce to you that on September 24, 2003 The Kappa Rho Chapter formally pledged 4 gentlemen. Matt Amato, Alex Curtas, Kevin Gilnack, and Kyle Taylor have all become pledge brothers of the kappa class. It is my hope that many of you can have an impact on their pledge process and attend many

of our events. The next major event that we will be having will be on October 9 and will have both our Big Brother Ceremony and a celebration of 4 years of Kappa Rho. Please if you want more information on the pledges or their events contact me at either dankrup@yahoo.com or on my cell phone at 202.302.4626.



For The Good Jon Miller, Eastern Province Grand Praetor

www.sigmachi.org

I have just finished reading a book called "Leading Change." This reading has resulted in my thinking a lot about the changes that either have taken place or need to take place within Sigma Chi. As you would expect, the book's author has a lot to say about leadership and management framed within the context of the vision of the organization. And so I ask the questions:

What is our vision?

Who are the leaders?

Who are the managers?

One characteristic of Sigma Chi is its steadfastness in vision or purpose: friendship, justice and learning. What was true in 1855 is true today. We value that. What has changed is that the achievement of our great aims was done one way in 1855, another way in 1962 and the way we find it in 2003. In 1962 we viewed hazing as tolerated. Today, hazing is not tolerated though is a natural tendency

for hazing to creep back; vigilance is part to my expectation. The burning question is, "How does the province achieve a greater focus on friendship, justice and leaning?"

I believe the vision of the Eastern Province needs to change. I perceive that the province is viewed as part of an organizational hierarchy devoted to administering the undergraduate chapter's relationship with Sigma Chi International... and some loosely defined geographic relationship with Alumni Chapters. Contrast this with a vision of the province as a "union of Sigma Chi's promoting friendship, justice and learning." Suddenly, my role moves from one of managing to a shared role of leading and managing. Who else leads and manages? You do!

Our charge addresses our being ready assist, console, comfort and provide hope. Are we? We have three alumni chapters? Is their focus inward or outward? We have 5 undergraduate chapters/colonies. Is their focus inward or outward? Our boundaries

establish limits that cloud our ability to achieve our three great aims.

Before I say too much, let me just say that I think we need to discuss change in a healthy context. And so, I ask each alumni chapter to develop a "statement of purpose" which addresses its relationship with the other chapters, both undergraduate and alumni. I ask that this be completed by the end of the calendar year. In addition, I am asking each alumni chapter to appoint a member to the Province Coordination Committee. This committee will promote synergism for such activities as conferences, workshops and province wide events. This appointment needs to be made by December 1. Both of these requests are extremely important.

What is our vision? You need to help me define it!

Who are the leaders? Those that step up to the plate!

Who are the managers? Those who follow through!

Who are the Sigma Chis? We all are!

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Vote On Amendment to Statute 5.01 *from www.sigmachi.org*

Brothers:

Attached is official notification and mail ballot for a proposed statutory change of the Fraternity's Governing Laws. Grand Consul Beauchamp has asked for your special attention to this issue. You are urged to consider and vote on this matter promptly, but in no event later than November 11, 2003.

Please return the mail ballot in the envelope provided for that purpose.

The purpose of the proposed amendment to Statute 5.01 is to provide the opportunity for a more efficient and effective management of Fraternity assets, a more efficient and effective administration of Fraternal matters and a more efficient and effective custody of historical and educational artifacts of the Fraternity.

It is believed by the Executive Committee that the current statutory language will not provide the flexibility necessary to effectuate changes that allow for the efficiencies desired.

It is also recognized by the Executive Committee that action on the proposed amendment by mail ballot will allow a more timely and broader representation from all chapters to make their position known, as opposed to waiting roughly nine months for the next Grand Council meeting.

There is no anticipated financial burden associated with the passing of the proposed amendment. In fact, one of the purposes behind the proposal is to allow for the implementation of efficiencies which may result in cost savings.

The proposed amendment has been endorsed by the Governing Laws Committee and certified by the Executive Committee for mail ballot vote.

Your Executive Committee recommends a vote IN FAVOR of the amendment.

Please go to <http://www.sigmachi.org/article.phtml?iItemID=1319> for more detail

Editor's Note: Remember that this is an item which will in some way affect each and every member of our fraternity. Please take the time to research the amendment online and see the impacts for yourself.

We Need Your Help ! **J.P. Paluskewicz KP '02**

Brothers, we are in desperate need of members of Capitol City to pay their dues. As you know the small amount (\$25/year) that we collect opens up opportunities for use to aid the undergraduate chapter's and hold events that benefit all local Sigs. Unfortunately, many members have not paid their current dues, but it isn't too late. Bring your dues to the next meeting or email me at James_Paluskewicz@yahoo.com. Also, don't forget to try to recruit new members. As you know we have a limited pool of people from which we can recruit and new dues paying members will help continue the success of this chapter!

Scholarship Award

James Ormerod - KP '02

This fall, Capital City will be awarding the first (and hopefully not last) Capital City Alumni Chapter Scholarship Award to a local undergraduate brother. In addition to receiving the actual award of Alumni Chapter Excellence this summer at Grand Chapter, Capital City was given a \$100 scholarship to distribute to the undergraduate brother of our choice from American University or George Mason University. Applications will be submitted to both chapters in early October with a due date of October 31 for the applications. The Awards Committee, Rob Farrow and James Ormerod, will review the applications, and the winner will be notified in writing in late November. If you know of any undergraduate brothers with a GPA of 3.5 or over, please encourage them to apply.



Sig Castaways

George Schaubhut - KP '02

What could be better than a group of Sigma Chis getting together in Washington, DC. How about a Sigma Chi Road Trip.

During the weekend of September 12-14, Brothers John Lenss, Adam Harrington, Rob Farrow and I got together, along with the better halves of John and Rob, to partake in the splendor that is Lake George in upstate New York.

John left his brothers from Kappa Rho to return to Albany where he has become quite successful as an IT and web consultant while Adam is in New York City pursuing a career as a trader on Wall Street. Rob has taken the approach of Randy Quaid in National Lampoon's Vacation and is "holding out for a management position." I decided that selling cars to people wasn't my cup of tea and now work for the General Services Administration's Fleet Division, with Brother James Ormerod, as an automotive analyst/consultant.

In our first get together since the 4th of July, the former inhabitants of that lovely piece of property known as the Wisconsin House, took to the island in a power boat propelled through the water by a Chevy V8 engine that got our hearts thumping, blood racing, and bodies airborne across the waves.

While Mother Nature threatened the happy campers with ominous clouds and the threat of rain, John's passion for this adventure proved contagious and not a thing could ruin our week-

end.

Swimming through the still warm waters, by a guys standards/polar bear club weather for the girls, was among the most relaxing moments I have personally had since graduating. The tranquility of the lake, the absence of the summer hordes and the presence of some of my best



friends in the world made this a weekend not to be forgotten.

Not that anyone could forget a weekend which saw Rob perform a near perfect version of Cartman (from South Park) singing Sail Away while floating in a bright orange life preserver with nothing but his head (and a few Lite Beers by Miller) visible above the waterline. Or Adam rapping like John Cena of wrestling fame. Or John and I cackling as we pushed the boat as fast as it could go to see

how high we could get off the waves before crashing down, scaring the girls and having a great old time. A great time was had by all (at least that which we can remember).

This was the kind of weekend that will always remind me that that bonds of brotherhood are forever and that there is no one thing more important to us old guys that doing whatever is necessary to retain the spirit of youth.

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