



“The ‘Granddaddy Of Them All’ And A Time-Honored Tradition Unlike Any Other”

The Alpha Chi House Corporation is proud to announce and invite you to our **26th Annual Penn State - Sigma Chi Golf Weekend**.

Invite your Alumni Brothers and friends for what is sure to be a wonderful weekend of memories and brotherhood!

Keep an eye out each month for our regularly scheduled email blasts for any new information!

Important Dates For Your Calendar:

Friday, June 10, 2016- Golf at the PSU White course (Shotgun start at noon)

Saturday, June 11, 2016- Golf at the PSU Blue Course (Shotgun start at 9 a.m.)

Saturday, June 11, 2016- Awards Ceremony at our beautiful chapter house (5:30 p.m.)

Sunday, June 12, 2016- Alumni Meeting at the chapter house (9 a.m.)

Days Inn State College is the official hotel of the Golf Outing (Group Code: CGSIG1) Make your hotel reservation by calling the hotel at the following numbers 1.800.258.3297 (Toll Free Direct) or 1.814.238.8454 (Hotel Direct).

ALL reservations must be made by 5/10/16. 35 rooms are blocked for the weekend (Friday / Saturday) and 15 rooms for Thursday. Any reservations received after this date will be honored on a space available basis.



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Group Excursions Build Lifelong Friendships

By David Kline '64
Alpha Chi Chapter Advisor



Photo names, major and home location from left to right: Lance Chambers, Supply Chain Management, Huntingdon, PA 2018; Eli Wood, Computer Science, Doylestown, PA 2019; Nick Appling, Petroleum Engineering, Austin, TX 2019; Ryan Tassone, Finance, Katona, NY 2019; Pat Reilly, Energy Business and Finance, Jamison, PA, 2018; Miguel Zubieta, Finance, Panama City, Panama 2018

It was a warm and sunny March day. Molly, my Golden Retriever hunting dog and I, along with six members of the Penn State Sigma Chi fraternity, were on our way to Warriors Mark Wingshooting Lodge located in the small village of Ginter about 10 miles north of Tyrone, PA.

Warriors Mark is a 2700-acre hunting club. We were going to hunt pheasant and chukars, and hopefully Molly would retrieve them. Owners Eric and Bernadette Gilliland and their staff welcomed us upon our arrival and provided us with some hunting tips.

Our hunting area was a 30-acre field. After some instruction on safety and hunting specifics, we began our hunt.

It wasn't long before the first three brothers were able to bag a chukar and soon after that, a pheasant. Only three members hunted at



any one time. We changed shooters several times during the day.

Each brother had the opportunity to demonstrate their shooting prowess. But

it wasn't the shooting so much as the bonding and brotherhood that we experienced. A couple of the guys had never fired a weapon, and it was just a thrill to be able to shoot a shotgun. Molly did well by pointing out the hiding spots of the birds and bringing them back to us.

The photo shows the six brothers and Molly after we finished the three-hour outing. I'm told the brothers cooked the birds that night and they were "pretty good" too.

Group excursions like this build lifelong friendships in the name of our great Sigma Chi fraternity. I enjoy seeing the guys tackle and succeed, and this was just one example of their bond-building relationships involving Sigma Chi.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Alpha Chi Chapter Depends on Your Support!

Thank you to all those who donated!

Our giving year for our annual fund began last October with a clear goal in mind. \$17,500 from 150 of you fine men, the men of Alpha Chi Chapter. You might be thinking, why does my contribution matter? Why does Alpha Chi need me, after all these years?

Well, do not forget, when you joined this extraordinary group, it began with the promise that you would have a group of not only friends, but also brothers that you could lean on for the rest of your life.

Do not assume that your other Alumni

Brothers will automatically step up to the plate and contribute. Take action now! Do you want current and future Sigma Chi Brothers to have the same experiences you had that in some way, led to you becoming the successful man you are today?

Think about it. You probably arrived on the grounds of Dear Old State, wide-eyed with the feeling of having the world at your fingertips.

Sigma Chi welcomed you warmly and soon, you became a man respected by his peers. Your

gift today reaffirms your appreciation for all that Alpha Chi Chapter has done for you. By giving what you can, your gift continues Sigma Chi's legacy at Penn State and helps offset the many costs that go with it.

Your Brothers, both old and new, need you! To make your contribution today, visit www.pennstatesig.com and click "donate," or send a check to our alumni processing center at Sigma Chi Pennsylvania State University Alumni Relations Processing Center P.O. Box 7007 Albert Lea, MN 56007

2015-16 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Alpha Chi Chapter would like to thank all of the fine men who have donated to the annual fund thus far:

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Robert Belus 1960
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ALUMNI UPDATES

Brother Pruner checks in from Jacksonville, Fla.



Brothers Jeff Pruner '65 and Dave Wilbert '68 celebrated joint birthdays on July 11 with their lovely spouses, Sharon and Marsha. Jeff & Sharon were also celebrating their 50th anniversary. Both live in the 55+ community of Sweetwater in Jacksonville, FL.

Dave & Jeff have an open invitation for any ZX brothers to visit to catch up on old times and to play some golf. — Jeffrey C. Pruner '65 | JCPruner@gmail.com

Chris Ramey '76



"I founded the Home Trust International www.thehometruster.com, and it has gone over 300 doors in 12 countries. The Home Trust is the definitive guide for all products and services related to luxury homes. My speaking and consulting business is Affluent Insights www.affluentinsights.com. I am the most quoted

expert in the luxury segment. My wife and I, former Sigma Chi Little Sister Dolores Griffeth, reside in Palm Beach County, Florida. We will celebrate our 40th Anniversary in August."

*Meet up with any fellow brothers like Jeff and Dave did recently? If so, let your brothers know!
Submit your alumni news to alumninews@affinityconnection.com.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

State Of The Fraternity

By Eugene Eignor '98

Alumni President

Spring is finally in the air and I know I'm looking forward to some warmer weather and the Penn State Blue & White game set for April 16 at 2 p.m.

The 2015/2016 school year was packed with change at Alpha Chi. The actives embraced these changes regarding new Rush and Pledge Period procedures set forth by IFC and Sigma Chi National. This fall an eight-week pledge program with a newly structured education program and a stricter no tolerance hazing promise were instituted.

Last spring Alpha Chi entered into a Consent Decree with the Borough of State College. This had a serious impact on social activities at the house and was a



Eugene Eignor

result of multiple ordinance violations. With the help of Chapter Advisor **David Kline '64** and a strong executive team, we were able to overcome this obstacle and are in the final months of this arrangement. It wasn't without its challenges, but I believe it has made the chapter stronger and we have a more positive presence in the community. We are confident that this will last for years to come.

Over the summer, we anticipate sending 20 brothers to Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at Bowling Green State University. Our participation at this event continues to support Alpha Chi's prominent leadership on campus.

House Corporation's plan to replace the hardwood on the main level got an unexpected bump in the schedule. Unfortunately, the house experienced a major water pipe leak in the great hall this spring that caused damage to the wood flooring and ceiling of the chapter room. That being said, we are now working toward a full wood floor replacement that may come as soon as this summer.

We appreciate the continued support and donations to the House Corporation from our strong alumni base and look forward to a very productive future for the active chapter at Penn State. A special thank you to our Bell Chapter donors, Anthony Agnone, David Shields and Remmie Butchko. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to reach me at eignor98@yahoo.com or 703-629-8346.

BUILDING LASTING RELATIONSHIPS AS MENTORS

About The Balfour Leadership Training Workshop

Balfour Leadership Training Workshop serves as the most effective and efficient educational delivery vehicle of the Sigma Chi International Fraternity. By challenging participants to improve their operational management skills and emphasizing our values-based curriculum, Balfour LTW facilitators are able to deliver the highest quality life skills and leadership development education. The Fraternity is looking for alumni interested in using their experience and skills to bring this education to our undergraduates and build lasting relationships as experienced mentors.

Time Commitment

Eighteen months: six months of facilitation and officer module training, beginning in January; attendance at Balfour LTW; 12 months of mentoring following Balfour LTW

Qualifications

- Alumnus of a Sigma Chi Fraternity chapter
- Facilitation or mentoring experience preferred
- Familiarity with Sigma Chi leadership programs

Expectations

- Serve as a facilitator and mentor in Sigma Chi's Balfour LTW for a minimum of 18 months



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- Actively participate in a web-based training program designed to prepare facilitators with the skills and knowledge required to train undergraduate brothers
 - Advocate for Sigma Chi's values-based leadership approach and emphasize those techniques through facilitation
- Arrive at Balfour LTW one day prior to the opening sessions of the workshop for additional facilitation training
- Stay up-to-date on Sigma Chi's leadership programs opportunities

Indications of Success

- Improved chapter scores on the Peterson Significant Chapter Award application in the following year
- Indications by participants in the follow-up survey that they better understand how to operate as a chapter and within their specific officer roles
- Chapter group completes and updates its Strategic Plan throughout the year



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CHAPTER NEWS

Cadets Join Forces At The Penn Stater

By David Kline '64

Alpha Chi Chapter Advisor

This past February, two Sigma Chi brothers, who are also in the Penn State Army Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC), along with Chapter Advisor **David Kline '64** attended the annual Nittany Lion Battalion 2016 Dining Out at The Penn Stater Conference Room.

There were over 400 cadets and guests in attendance. The Penn State Army ROTC commander, LTC Walker Glunz,

introduced the guest speaker Colonel Michael Loos. Colonel Loos, a 1992 graduate of West Point talked about the need for all junior officers to be willing to take a risk in their military careers. Col. Loos is the Asymmetric



L to R: Patrick Tuccillo, David Kline, Quinn Brisbon

Warfare Group Commander located in the Washington, DC area.

Cadet Quinn Brisbon (class of 2017), in addition to his ROTC studies has been the AX Magister and is majoring in Security Risk Analysis hoping to have a military career in cyber security. Quinn, after his military service hopes to attain an MBA and work for a large company such as Google. He is a native of Chester, PA and the first of

his family to attend college

Cadet Patrick Tuccillo (class of 2018) is majoring in history and hoping to make the Army his career in the Infantry branch of the

active Army. His home is Alexandria, VA. He has served Sigma Chi as a Risk-Manager and will attend the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop this summer. He has a very strong interest in learning and speaking the Arabic language and culture.

LTC David Kline has been the AX Chapter Advisor for the past 16 years. He is a 1964 Penn State grad and was commissioned through the Penn State ROTC program. He served 22 years on active duty, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1988. His tours of duty included Vietnam, Cambodia, Germany and Korea. He commanded the Army's largest Parachute Rigger Company at Fort Bragg, NC and has well over one hundred military parachute jumps. He also had troop commands in Germany, Korea and Fort Bragg, NC. He and his wife Sandy of 50 years retired in State College in 2001.

CHAPTER NEWS

AX Once Again a Bell Chapter

AX Brothers,

I don't like taking up time in your very busy schedules, but it is important to let you know that your AX Chapter has once again been designated a Bell Chapter thanks to the generous donations of Brothers Anthony Agnone, David Shields, Remie Butchko and the AX House Corporation. Their gifts have given AX one Horizons leadership position, a \$1,000 scholarship, and has increased our paid attendance

to the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop to eight active brothers.

These are critical leadership workshops that assist our active members in developing their leadership skills.

As the AX Chapter Advisor, I want to thank you for your donations to the Bell Chapter program. It helps me greatly, as the advisor, to have our active brothers participate in these educational programs.

— **Dave Kline '64**, AX Chapter Advisor