

# Sigma Chi Fraternity

## Northern Ohio Province

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Welcome to the new Northern Ohio Province Quarterly Newsletter! For those who are unaware, Terry Chapin has recently retired as Grand Praetor from Northern Ohio and I have had the honor and privilege of being elected to take his place over the next biennium.

Terry dedication to the White Cross and in particular to our region is unmatched, he was no stranger at any undergrad or alumni chapter. Though I will try my best to be around as much as possible, with schedules, I do not think I will be able to match Terry in personal appearances. Therefore, I thought a newsletter would be a great way to maintain contact and allow for Alumni to connect beyond the monthly meetings.

Undergraduate and Alumni chapters will be sending in updates and highlights to be included in each newsletter. Within these pages, we will do Alumni Spotlights, Special Announcements, Highlights, and Upcoming events. If you would like something included in the newsletter, please email me at [smtripepi@sigmachi.com](mailto:smtripepi@sigmachi.com).

For those who do not know me, I am a graduate of Youngstown State University where I obtained a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. I currently live in Wickliffe – a suburb of the Cleveland area. Professionally, I work at Progressive Insurance in Corporate Finance on a project management team. As an undergrad, I served many roles, including Consul, Quaestor, and Magister, just to name a few; prior to becoming Grand Praetor, I served on the CAB's of Eta Chi and Beta Eta, then Assistant Grand Praetor of the Province.

I look forward to coming years of success and growth in the Province – our Chapter leadership is amazing and even

though we have found much success over the past few years, I know we are capable of so much more!

Please never hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or observations, I look forward to everyone's input. Communication will be the keys to our continued success!

In Hoc,

Steve Tripepi, YOUNGSTOWN 2010

## Strategic Goals

Grand Consul Tommy Geddings has chosen a brilliant motto for his biennium, the motto is **Expect More!** In that spirit, I have come up with a list of strategic goals between now and 2022. Though the undergrads will own these goals, they will need our help as Alumni to help them achieve this ambitious plans.

The following are the goals that I have asked the undergrads to consider and ask the Alumni to assist with:

### 2017 – 2018

- ✦ Establishment of Chapter Advisory Boards at every Chapter in the Province
- ✦ Ensure that every Chapter has at least 5 Balfour spots filled, with the proper elected officers
- ✦ Ensure that the minimum requirement of Brothers expected to attend State Day, are there and participating.

### 2017 – 2019

- ✦ Encourage a Chapter newsletter, whether it be monthly, quarterly, or semi – annual.



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- Develop a Province Newsletter with updates from Alumni Chapter and Undergraduate Chapters (this is obviously underway)

**2017 – 2022**

- Every Chapter in the Northern Ohio Province will become a Huntsman 20k Club chapter – meaning every Chapter will have donated a total of \$20,000 to the Huntsman Cancer Institute in one fiscal year.

## Help Wanted

I would like to put together a committee of Alumni from all over the province who have an expertise in fundraising, marketing, and / or philanthropic work.

The committee will meet via online meetings and conference lines, no travel is involved. Specifically, I am looking for alumni brothers to help create a corporate sponsorship solicitation program – the goal is to generate more income from Derby Days in order to help all of our chapters reach the \$20k Club.

### What Is the Huntsman \$20k Club?

The Huntsman \$20k Club is a prestigious club reserved for chapters who donate \$20,000+ to the Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI). As a member of the Club the chapter will have a brick with their name on it at HCI, as well as the Chapter’s name will be inscribed on a wall on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of HCI, which is named the Sigma Chi International Fraternity Floor. A representative from the chapter will receive an all-expenses paid trip to Utah to see exactly where their money is going and to meet with Brother Jon Huntsman Sr. and profit from his wisdom.

So why HCI? It’s so far from Ohio!

Well, there are many reasons, but here are just a few of them:

- Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) is a leader in the study of cancer genetics and its researchers have discovered more inherited cancer genes than any other cancer center in the world
- Brother Jon Huntsman has pledged that **for every \$1 donated to HCI – he will personally donate \$0.25 back to chapter endowments**
- 100% of every dollar donated goes to cancer research** – Brother Huntsman personally underwrites all fundraising expenses
- Sigma Chi has made the largest philanthropic financial commitment in the Greek world – why? Because the *world expects more of us than it does of other men.*
- This year, 1,688,780 new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in the United States
- WE ARE THE GENERATION TO END CANCER!**

Links to videos for more information on the Sigma Chi HCI Relationship and Inspiring Stories:

- [The Generation To End Cancer - Sigma Chi](#)
- [Cancer Moves Fast. We Have to Move Faster](#)
- [Sigma Chi & HCI Working Together to Stop the Pain of Cancer](#)
- [2015 - 2016 \\$20k Club Celebration](#)
- [HCI website](#)

The World Expect More of Us, Than It Does of Other Men. Expect More of Yourself, Expect More of Our Next Generation – Help Us in This Fight; We All Know the Pain Of Cancer, Let Us Save Others From This Pain.

### *The Village Wine*

*A triumphal feast was scheduled in a village and, in order to ensure that all might enjoy in the feast without imposing upon any few, the villagers all agreed that each would put one bottle of his best wine into a great cask for the occasion. However, upon reflection, one villager reasoned that, if he filled his bottle with water, the dilution would be so slight, no one would notice. So, the day of the feast arrived, and the great cask was tapped, and, wonder of wonders...nothing but water poured forth!*

*Every villager had reasoned alike – my bit will not be missed!*



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# KUDOS!

Congratulation Zeta Lambda –  
Huntsman \$20k Club

Congratulation to 2017  
**International Balfour  
Finalist** – Billy Green,  
YOUNGSTOWN 2017

Congratulation to 2016  
**International Balfour –  
2017 Winner** – Ethan  
Pickering, CWRU 2016

Congratulation 2017 **Seven  
Lights Inductee** Johnny  
Santora, KENT

Congratulation 2017  
**Seven Lights Inductee**  
Tom Ross, KENT

Congratulation 2017  
**SIGNificant Sig Inductee**  
Paul Pfhaler, KENT 1992

Congratulation David  
Greenspan, TROY 1988  
upon being elected to the  
**Ohio State House of  
Representatives**,  
representing the 16<sup>th</sup>  
District

Congratulation 2017  
**SIGNificant Sig Inductee**  
Alex Johnson, Kent 1973

Congratulation 2017  
**SIGNificant Sig  
Inductee** Richard  
Warther, KENT 1977

## The Sigma Chi Creed



believe in fairness, decency  
and good manners. **I** will  
endeavor to retain the spirit of youth.  
**I** will try to make my college, the  
Sigma Chi Fraternity, and my own  
chapter more honored by all men and  
women and more beloved and honestly  
respected by our own brothers. **I** say  
these words in all sincerity; That  
Sigma Chi has given me favor and  
distinction; that the bond of our fellowship  
is reciprocal, that **I** will endeavor to so  
build myself and so conduct myself that  
**I** will ever be a credit to our Fraternity.

*George Felt*  
Purdue 1887

### Keepin It in Ohio

What an exciting year for the chapters in the State of Ohio! Over the past year, Ohio has been represented by the immediate **past International Balfour Winner**, the **current International Balfour Winner**, **immediate past International Balfour Finalist**, and **International Sweetheart!**

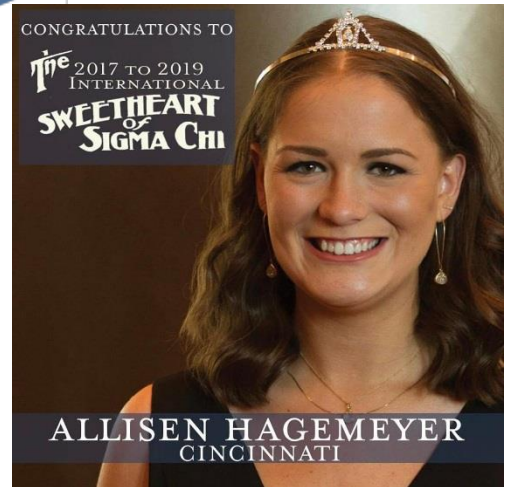


Know someone that deserves  
a shout out or has had a big  
life event occur? Let Steve  
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# Meet Our International Sweetheart



Hi Northern Ohio Sigs! I'm Allie, your new International Sweetheart from the University of Cincinnati. I was born and raised in Toledo but now live in Cincinnati post graduation, don't worry, Northern Ohio will always have my heart. I graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Architecture and now work full-time for a residential design firm in Cincinnati. As International Sweetheart I am very passionate about our commitment to the Huntsman Cancer Institute and being a part of the generation to end cancer.

I am a Kappa Kappa Gamma and as an undergraduate I became extremely involved with Zeta Psi's Derby Days thus leading to strong friendships with the brothers and

a dedication to raising money for HCI. I also have a program in the works to reflect on and strengthen the interpersonal relationships in each of our lives, whether that's with fellow brothers, significant others, family or friends. It is important to remember that success in life is not only measured by what you achieve but how you treat others and how you give back. I am so excited for this upcoming school year and my two-year term as your 35th International Sweetheart. I hope to meet you all out on the road this year!

In Hoc, Allisen Hagemeyer



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## Chapter Updates

### Beta Eta

The Beta Eta Chapter is well. We finished strong academically, in 2<sup>nd</sup> of all 18 fraternities. We currently have 45 active brothers, after graduating 6 seniors. This summer we fundraised \$4,800 for new ritual regalia, to restore our ritual regalia to excellent condition. Balfour Leadership Training Workshop was a major success, with five of our brothers in attendance. We identified four initiatives to focus on, giving our chapter a strong direction for the school year.

This semester we will start our recruitment on Aug 28<sup>th</sup> and handout bids Sep 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have our Alumni Night Sep 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – We hope to see many of you there. Homecoming this year will be Oct 5-8<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding events for alumni throughout the weekend, with updates to come.

Thank you for all of your support and if you are not subscribed to the Beta Eta email list please reach out to our Tribune or Consul and they will add you. Also, please check out our social media for updates and contact information.

Sigmachicase.org  
Facebook.com/SigmaChiCWRU

### Cleveland Alumni Chapter

Hi Brothers, Hope your are well. The follow is info about the Sig tour of the Veteran's Memorial Bridge and subway Tour and Sparx City Hop. We will meet at the small park on the South Side of Euclid Ave between 13th and 14th street near the Dynamite Burger at 11:00AM Sat Aug 19. We will take the green line bus to the Veteran's Memorial Bridge. The bridge tour is a walking tour. After the bridge tour we will decide where to lunch. Heinen's is one option that we discussed. After lunch there are many choices back at Playhouse Square. Art shows and music until 6:00 PM. The event is free. The trolleys are free. Parking will be your choice but probably pay lots in area.

Check out afternoon choices at the DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND ALLIANCE web site for the Sparx City Hop. Much too do!! Let me know if you're coming so you don't get left behind. If you come later call or text to meet

up. I recommend casual attire and walking shoes. See you there.

In hoc,

Jack Ambrose

<http://www.sigmachicleveland.com/>

We meet at 6:30 PM every 2nd Thursday of the month at:  
Prosperity Social Club, Tremont  
1109 Starkweather Ave. Cleveland, OH 44113

### Delta Kappa

We are looking forward to the start of the 2017 school year and can not wait to implement what we learned this summer at Balfour. One of our goals for this fall semester is to obtain 20 new brothers that fit the Jordan Standard and our brotherhood. Our recruitment chair Geoffrey Mencobello has done a phenomenal job mapping out a ton of events for fall recruitment. One of the first big events that we are participating in is Campus Fest. Campus Fest is when a bunch of campus organizations set up stands in the middle of campus to attract new members and educate people on what their organizations are all about. We will have brothers in letters handing out business cards with the recruitment events on them along with a decorated table full of Sigma Chi awards and our chapter's achievements. Another big event that Geoffrey has planned for recruitment is the Alumni Dinner, which is scheduled to be held on September 7th at Sam B's. One of the last recruitment events that he has planned before the IFC formal recruitment rounds start is a Bowling Green football game tailgate on September 9th.

As a chapter we are really looking forward to having our second annual fall philanthropy, Sigtobberfest. We have not set an exact date for the philanthropy yet, however our goal is to have it in mid to late October. Last year was the first time we held Sigtobberfest and it turned out to be very successful. This year we plan to implement what worked well last year and what we can do even better this year! We are very excited for this year to get under way so we can continue to grow and improve as a chapter!



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## Toledo Alumni Chapter

Homecoming!!! 2017 Homecoming will be the weekend of Oct 13- 15. As you know, 2017 is the 70th anniversary of the initial founding of Sigma Chi at Bowling Green. It is also the 1st anniversary of our re-chartering! Reserve now. Rooms are scarce!

Special note: there will be a beer garden set up near our tent for the Saturday festivities – a BGSU first!!! We have a block of rooms reserved for both Friday and Saturday night at the Holiday Inn Express (419.931.9999) in Levis Commons in Perrysburg - just a short 15 minute trip from campus, and those rooms are filling up fast! If you prefer to stay near campus, we have also reserved rooms at the new Fairfield Inn just off Wooster Avenue (Friday night only). Again, to reserve a room at the Holiday Inn Express (ONLY 14 REMAIN for Friday and/or Saturday), simply call (419) 931- 9999. Rooms are reserved under BGSU Sigma Chi at a special room rate of \$129+tax. To reserve a room for Friday night only at the Fairfield Inn in BG, call (419) 352-0033. Rooms are reserved under Sigma Chi and the special room rate is \$149+tax.

## Eta Chi

This summer, two of our brothers had the opportunity to attend the Horizons Leadership Summit at Snowbird, Salt Lake City, Utah. Our exec team attended BLTW (Balfour Leadership Training Workshop). There, the exec team came up with our chapters strategic plan for the year. At the closing ceremony, we were awarded a Peterson award for chapter excellence and the Legion of Honor award for our chapter's academic excellence. Brother Billy Greene was a finalist for the International Balfour Award as well.

This upcoming year, we are participating in YSU's IGNITE program. Similar to other orientations, IGNITE allows incoming freshmen to gain knowledge about the university, and we've been given the chance to inform them specifically about Greek Life. Our Derby Days is currently planned for October 16th through the 20th. We are hoping to do very well with it this year and raise a lot of money for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. Homecoming is going to be starting up soon as well. This year, we are teamed up with the Delta Zeta sorority and Theta Chi

colony to build a float for the parade. Lastly, Recruitment starts this September. Our Recruitment Chair is busy planning Rush week and he will have all of the details regarding that soon.

## Youngstown Alumni Chapter

Youngstown Alumni Chapter Highlights:

- Meetings are held on the last Saturday of each month (unless otherwise noted) at 8:00pm at Stoneyard Grill and Tavern in Niles, Ohio. They last typically an hour and a half to two hours and are casual.
- We are planning to have a Sigma Chi Alumni tent for Homecoming 2017 at YSU, for October 28, 2017. We have sent out a survey via email as well as through the "Youngstown Sigma Chi" Facebook page to gauge interest in having the tent. The more brothers who show interest, the more likely it will be that we will secure a tent, food, and a space in the YSU tailgating lot.
- We are developing criteria for an undergraduate scholarship. Over the next few months, we will finalize the criteria for an Eta Chi undergrad to apply for the scholarship which will be \$250 each semester (\$500 for the year), to begin with. The more donations we receive, the higher the scholarship will become.
- We are in the early stages of planning for Sigma Chi Family Day 2018, which will be held tentatively on July 21, 2018. More information will follow as the winter approaches.

## Zeta Lambda

This summer Zeta Lambda has been working tirelessly in planning for a successful 2017-18 school year. At Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in Bowling Green, OH we were fortunate to be awarded with our third consecutive Peterson Significant Chapter Award. One of our goals for this year is to continue to work hard for a fourth and hopefully a Gold. Also, our generous alumni continue to help make us a Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter for the second consecutive year. Finally, our entrance in the Huntsman 20K Club. This past Derby Days was a complete success. Run by **AJ Miller '17**, our chapter focused on efficient fundraising and held the first annual Derby Days banquet at the completion of the week long festivities. This spring we also, we initiated five new members, who are all extremely motivated and excited to have officially started their Sigma Chi journey as brothers.



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In July, we conducted a very moving and revered White Rose Ceremony for one of our local founders, **Richard George O'Brien '64**. Over fifty guests attended to celebrate the life of a man that gave so much to Zeta Lambda as brother, mentor and Chapter Advisor.

Our goals for this year are simple, keep the momentum going and staying foundationally strong. I could not be more proud of each and every brother's work this past year and look forward in that continuing. We hope to expand and grow our chapter this fall by initiating around 20 quality men. We are excited to compete in Alpha Xi Delta's Xi Man, where we placed second last year, and sustain our relationship and contributions to their philanthropy Autism Speaks. In conclusion, all is well at Zeta Lambda and we hope to aim for more excellence this coming year.

- Parker Henderson '19, Consul

## Akron Alumni Chapter

We are currently searching for a new Akron Alumni Chapter President and a few other officers. If you have any interest please contact Steve Tripepi or Rich Hronek.



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## Alumni Spotlight – Terry Chapin – Chapin’s Chatter

Where does the time go! It seems like just a short time ago that I became Grand Praetor and here it is twelve years later that I am stepping down from that position. Now that I am semi-retired and will be in Florida or someplace else where it is much warmer than Northern Ohio from December through March I did not feel that I would be able to support the brothers and chapters as well as I should and therefore I decided that it was time for me to step down as GP. I know that the province will be in good hands with our new Grand Praetor Steve Tripepi. I always tried to do my best and supported my chapters to the best of my abilities, but I know that I did make a few mistakes along the way and for that I do apologize.

While I was GP I was able to interact with a great group of brothers in both the undergraduate as well as the alumni chapters. While I will not have as much interaction as I did while I was GP, I would still like to keep in touch so please continue to include me on your email lists and invite me to various chapter activities. I will attend when I can and I already have a couple of events on my fall calendar. After attending BLTW for over 25 years this was the first year that I was actually a facilitator at the event working with the Magisters Division as well as with the Delta Pi chapter at Ohio University, so I will be making a few trips to Athens this coming year to help support the chapter which after just receiving their charter last march is off to a strong start.

I feel that the last couple of years have been good for the Northern Ohio Province and all of the chapters in Ohio for that matter. This year at BLTW Case Western (BH), Kent State (ZΛ) and Youngstown State (HX) all received Petersons. While Delta Kappa did not receive a Peterson this year they are heading in the right direction with a lot of alumni support. In addition to the Peterson awards ZΛ also became a Bell Chapter and entered the Huntsman Cancer Institute 20K club, HX received the Legion of Honor award and past HX Consul Billy Greene was an IBA finalist making it the second year in a row that the province had an IBA finalist. Unfortunately Billy did not make it the second year in a row that the province had the IBA winner but the honor did stay in Ohio going to Jeremy Fernandes from the University of Cincinnati (ZΨ). And while on the subject of Southern Ohio as I mentioned earlier they also did well this year with Ohio State (ΑΓ), Ohio (ΔΠ), University of Cincinnati (ZΨ) all receiving Petersons and Miami (A) receiving an Outstanding Colony award. Drew Harmon received the Outstanding Alumni Officer Award and Ryan Temby was recognized as GP of the year. To make it all the “sweeter” our 2017-19 International Sweetheart Allisen (Allie) Hagemeyer is from the University of Cincinnati.

In Hoc,  
Terry



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# Literary Exercise

## The Impossible Dream

To dream the impossible dream,  
To fight the unbeatable foe,  
To bear with unbearable sorrow,  
To run where the brave dare not go,

To right the unrightable wrong,  
To love pure and chaste from afar,  
To try when your arms are too weary,  
To reach the unreachable stars.

This is my quest, to follow that star,  
No matter how hopeless, no matter how far,  
To fight for the right without question or pause  
To be willing to march into hell for a heavenly  
cause  
And I know if I'll only be true to this glorious quest  
That my heart will lie peaceful and calm when I'm  
laid to my rest,

And the world will be better for this,  
That one man scorned and covered with scars, still  
strove with his last ounce of courage,  
To reach the unreachable cross.

## Key Dates

### Bowling Green

Formal Pledging: September 25  
Homecoming: October 14  
Initiation: November 18

### Case Western

Alumni Night: September 8  
Homecoming: October 5 – 8

### Kent State

Formal Pledging: September 21  
Homecoming: October 14  
Initiation: December 2

### Youngstown State

Homecoming: October 28  
Formal Pledging: TBD  
Initiation: TBD

For the most up to date  
list of events, please  
check in with the  
Chapter Advisor or  
Chapter Consul.

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## Ritual Used By The Founders On June 28, 1855

I place this White Cross over my heart,  
because it appeals both to my intellect and to my affections.  
I wear it with a deep sense of humility and  
with a feeling of unworthiness;  
Believing that the world expects more of me  
than the world expects of other men, and  
realizing full well that I never can conquer by a sign,  
even though it be a cross.  
But only as the ideals for which this badge stands  
take possession of my heart and  
become exemplified in my life,  
will I ever know the deepest meanings  
of the White Cross of Sigma Chi.



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