

# Merry Christmas From Sigma Chi



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## Lambda Nu Chapter Update

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# A message from our Consul, Luke Austin | 2024



Dear brothers, parents, and alumni,

As we approach the end of another semester filled with unforgettable memories, I would like take a moment to reflect on our chapter's most recent events. From Derby Days to Dad's Weekend, the Sigma Chi spirit has been thriving, and we've witnessed the dedication and camaraderie of our brothers. The magic of Derby Days unfolded before our eyes, showcasing the incredible effort put in by our brothers and sororities. Witnessing the unity and hard work nearly brought tears to our eyes. It's moments like these that remind us of the strength and bond that make Sigma Chi truly special.

Dad's Weekend provided a heartwarming opportunity for parents to witness their sons thriving in a community of like-minded individuals. Seeing our brothers connect with others and build lasting friendships undoubtedly reassured parents that their sons are not only doing well in college but are also surrounded by a supportive group.

Our brothers have demonstrated unwavering commitment to Sigma Chi, showcasing their leadership skills in various ways. From coordinating weekly events to handling financial matters with the school, the dedication to our fraternity is clear. Learning to manage and delegate tasks has not only strengthened our organizational skills but also enhanced our conflict-resolution abilities. In navigating both big and small conflicts, we've learned that sitting down and discussing problems may take time, but understanding different perspectives is key to finding resolutions. Our commitment to open communication has been instrumental in fostering a positive and supportive environment within the chapter.

As seniors, we recognize the impact our actions have on the chapter. Setting a good example is paramount, and we've seen the positive ripple effect since the start of the semester. Balancing a strong work ethic with time for fun, we aim to leave a legacy of "work hard, play hard" for the next generation of Sigma Chi brothers. The chapter is in good hands because of the trust we place in our leadership, drawing inspiration from those who came before us.

As the year comes to a close, let's take a moment to express gratitude for the love and camaraderie we share within our Sigma Chi brotherhood. In the spirit of the season, cherish the moments spent with those you love and continue to build upon the foundation of brotherhood. Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with prosperity, growth, and continued brotherhood.

In Hoc,  
Luke Austin

**“Never be so  
busy as not to  
think of  
others.”**

MOTHER TERESA



# A message from our Derby Days Chair, Dan Kjellstrom | 2025



As we reflect on the past events and activities that have defined our fraternity experience, we are thrilled to share some incredible moments of collaboration, philanthropy, and community impact. The strength of our bonds extends beyond our chapter, reaching into the broader Greek Life community and the causes we passionately support. One of the privileges we cherish is the opportunity to collaborate with other Greek Life organizations. The support we receive from these groups is truly unbelievable, and it's thanks to their help that we can accomplish remarkable feats together.

Being able to contribute to a cause that aligns with our values is a privilege we hold dear. The chance to raise money for organizations making a positive impact is not just an opportunity—it's a responsibility. When we participate in fundraising events, we are not just raising funds; we are making a tangible difference in the lives of those who benefit from the vital work of these organizations.

One of the most powerful aspects of our philanthropic endeavors is the platform we provide for meaningful stories. The ability to showcase the experiences of those affected by important causes, such as cancer, is both humbling and inspiring. By offering a stage for these stories, we contribute to a broader conversation and create awareness that can drive positive change.

Over the summer, I was able to take a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, which proved to be a testament to the impact of our collective efforts. As part of the \$20,000 club, we were honored to represent our chapter alongside other top-fundraising chapters at an event hosted by the Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) family. Interacting with Derby chairs from different chapters and witnessing the appreciation towards Sigma Chi's donations underscored the significance of our contributions. During our visit to the hospital, we were shown the research lab funded by our efforts, witnessed floors named after Sigma Chi, and experienced the genuine gratitude for the impact of our donations on the organization. It was a profound reminder of the lasting legacy we are creating through our philanthropic endeavors.

While our alumni may no longer be active members of our chapter, their dedication and support remain steadfast. Their contributions to Derby Week, evident through both donations and attendance at the dance, showcase a continued commitment to the values and spirit of Sigma Chi. It's heartening to see the enduring impact of Sigma Chi extending beyond the years of active membership.

The decision to move Derby Day to a larger venue, Jo Ann Rooney Hall, was a strategic move that allowed more people to witness the event and generate additional donations through ticket sales. Thank you all for your support. \$23, 258 for cancer research is incredible and it has been an honor to be at the forefront of this effort.



# A message from our Tribune, Alek Kacorzyk | 2024



When I began my term as Tribune, I realized that scheduling events for alumni can be challenging, especially when it comes to finding a venue that can offer both great food and an enjoyable experience. However, I believe it is important to make an effort to engage with our alumni and show our appreciation for everything they have done for our chapter. I am proud to report that this semester, our chapter hosted a thanksgiving lunch for active brothers and alumni. During the event, we deep-fried two turkeys in peanut oil and brothers brought sides to pair with this main entrée. Brothers from all different classes enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with one another and see how much the lives of our alumni have changed since their college years. It is good to know that our alumni are thriving in their careers, their families are healthy and well, and that they are still interested in engaging with the chapter.

As I mentioned in the previous semester's newsletter, we should continue to focus on improving communication channels with our alumni. By staying in touch and regularly updating them on the chapter's progress, we can build and maintain strong relationships. Additionally, we need to make an effort to reach out to those who are now living outside of the Chicagoland area, who we don't get to see as often. Planning events that involve these alumni would be a great way to reconnect with them and showcase the chapter's current success and growth. Overall, I believe that by prioritizing alumni engagement, we can strengthen our chapter's legacy and ensure its continued success for years to come.

Happy holidays,  
Alek Kacorzyk

**"A true friend is  
forever a friend."**

GEORGE MACDONALD



# Brotherhood Spotlight, Dean Angelakis | 2024



Bagus & Mitropoulos 

This past summer, for two weeks, Dean had the privilege of shadowing the head dentist at Bagus & Mitropoulos Dental Office in Flieden, Germany. The experience involved long hours, from 8 am to 5 or 6 pm, witnessing various oral surgeries such as teeth removals, root canals, implant procedures, and the radiology side of X-rays. The dentist, who owns his own practice, received his dental education in Thessaloniki, Greece, adding an international flavor to the professional setting.

Beyond the dental practice, Dean took full advantage of his time in Germany, exploring the architecture and history of neighboring towns around Flieden. From the enchanting town of Fulda to the captivating castles that dot the German landscape, Dean truly enjoyed his time in Germany. Immersing himself in the local culture, Dean didn't just limit his exploration to dentistry and sightseeing. He indulged in authentic German cuisine, savoring dishes like Schnitzel. The experience was made even more special as he shared these moments with his mother, creating lasting memories.

Flieden, being a small town, had some interesting quirks to it. The grocery store primarily stocked fresh items, with eggs available for purchase. However, it was fascinating to discover that many residents opted to buy their eggs from a local farmer via a vending machine. Dean also explored the town's butcher shop.

Back on the home turf in Chicago, Deans serves as our Social Chair, and his dedication to fostering strong connections within the Greek community shines through. By planning mixers with sororities, he played a pivotal role in strengthening Sigma Chi's ties with the Sorority and Fraternity Life (SFL) community. These mixers not only provided enjoyable social experiences but also enhanced the fraternity's relationships, setting the stage for improved collaboration and camaraderie. Thank you for all the hard work you have put into our chapter Dean, and we look forward to seeing where Dental School takes you!

Until Next time...



In ho ho Hoc.