

# The Alpha Chi House Corporation

Keeping 400 E. Prospect Running Smoothly

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## The Alpha Chi Experience

### You don't Have To Live In State College To Get Involved!

By Bobby Peterson '99, Alpha Chi Board Member

Many of you have been very generous over the years and contributed financially to the Alpha Chi Chapter of Sigma Chi and for that I want to thank you! If you are like me, you may have also thought over the years about helping the Fraternity in other ways. To that point, the time has come to bring new members to the Alpha Chi House Corporation.

Have you ever wondered what the Alpha Chi House Corporation actually is?

In the most simple of terms, the House Corporation functions as the Steward of the Chapter House, the physical plant. Our mission is to ensure that current and future Alpha Chi members can call 400 E. Prospect home.

To accomplish that mission, the members focus on general upkeep of the property as well as working with the active chapter to maintain and hopefully improve the property. As all of you know, the Chapter House underwent a major renovation a number of

years back and if you have not been back to visit, it really is an amazing property.

I have truly enjoyed my time as a member of the board and having the opportunity to meet many active members over the years. I, like many of the current board, am excited to work with some new members and the new ideas they can bring to the table. You do not need to live near State College to help out. With the exception of our Annual Meeting after the Golf Outing, our meetings are conducted via conference call.

If you can spare a few hours per month and would like to help ensure that the Chapter House continues to be an integral part of the Alpha Chi experience, I would love to hear from you. I would be happy to share additional details and answer any questions.

**Thank you for consideration and continued support.**

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## Active Brother's Outing

### Alpha Chis Enjoy A Day Of Hunting

The Brothers of Alpha Chi recently enjoyed a day in the woods in Warriors Mark, Pa at the Wing Shooting Preserve for an afternoon of bond building. Everyone had a great time!

## Announcement

### Brother Nick Kolovos '91 Launches Rivendell Group LLP

Brother Kolovos started his own Washington D.C. law firm specializing in federal government relations in early 2016. Rivendell Group (a "Lord of the Rings" reference), represents a number of Fortune 500 companies and industry trade associations in

the areas of high-tech, energy and healthcare. He lives in Alexandria, VA with his wife Heather and three children. Brothers passing through the area are always welcome. You can visit the firm's website at [www.RivendellGroupLLP.com](http://www.RivendellGroupLLP.com)

## BUILDING BROTHERHOOD

### Alpha Chi Welcomes 21 New Brothers

By Dave Kline '64- Chapter Advisor



AX celebrated another successful fall recruiting period. We had over 1,000 young men visit our Fraternity during Zone Day. We passed out 22 bids and 21 were accepted and on November 5th, we initiated 21 new Brothers into our chapter.

Because of the generosity of many Alumni, our chapter has over \$23,500 toward Annual Scholarship Funds. This year, 14 men received up to \$2,000 each toward their educational expenses. Thank you Alumni!

We look forward to the spring semester and preparation for the Horizons and Balfour

Leadership Training Workshop, our annual Province Conference, and a new spring pledge class.

Any brother who wishes to be on my AX Chapter Advisor's E-Newsletter should send an e-mail to: [dkline60@comcast.net](mailto:dkline60@comcast.net).

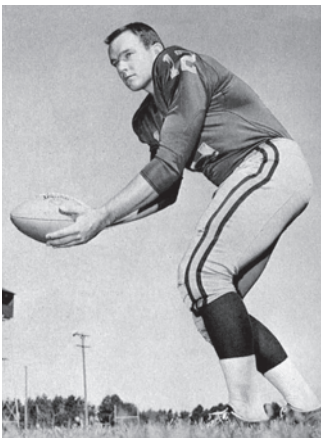
If you have changed your e-mail address, let me know. I have several e-mail addresses that are bouncing back; so if you have not received an e-mail from me the last few months, get in touch so I can update my database.

Bidding you Godspeed, My brothers.

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### What Have You Been Up To?

#### Alpha Chis Share Updates



We recently caught up with a few Alumni Brothers from our Chapter to find out what they have been doing since their undergraduate days. **Bob Scrabis '59**, former New York Jet Quarterback, got back to us with his update! He writes: "Keeping in touch with Brothers **Bob Bellis '58** and **Sam Rodgers '58** with an occasional shout to **Ted Junker '59** as often as possible. Ted and Bob at PSU, Sam, by phone. As a former NY Jet, attending functions such as honoring former

teammates inducted into the Ring of Honor at Met Life Stadium and going to the Jets training camp keeps me connected to the organization.

Like so many other things, the group keeps getting smaller. Going back for the annual football letterman golf tourney keeps me abreast of what's going on with former teammates. Reading about some of my Alumni Brothers and remembering the party room in the Old Red Barn plus the Miami Triad weekend with Phi Delt and Beta with the Friday night party at our place. Jamming at Phi Delt and formal at Beta were the best of times.

Remembering sitting in front of the fire place in the Barn exchanging gifts with an appropriate poem about the person and looking out at the street light on the corner next to Phi Gamm with snow falling? Never fails to make me mellow and put a grin on my face.

Remember sun bathing on the roof? Water bombs dropped from the upstairs window! Rec hall, Beaver Stadium, Schwab, the mall, the library, Old Main classes, the Hub. All in easy walking distance!

hell week and the final quest for the White Cross, plus agonizing over the grilling by some ya moh who you never saw before and then initiation. How about spaghetti and beer rush parties? Helen Liamun, Pearl? Sleeping dorm-style with the windows wide open? Spud Nuts on Saturday, Helens grease-laden eggs? Late meals, wearing the same shirt, tie, and coat for evening meals. Favorites having their special table? These are just a few thoughts that helped make college such a great time."

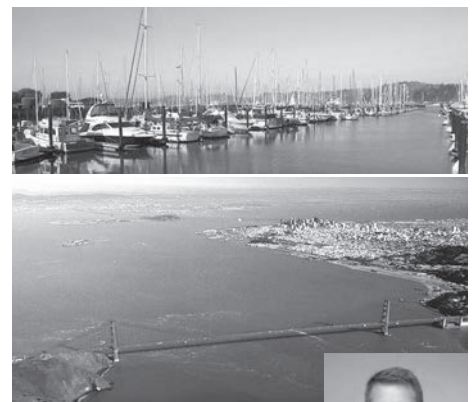
#### Christopher Lacey '88

"I graduated Penn State in 1988. I live in Belvedere, CA. I am retired but keep myself busy with a small marina in Sausalito, CA named Blue Water Yacht Harbor, which I own, and with sailing on San Francisco Bay.

I have been married for 21 years to my wife, Carol. We have two sons Nicholas, senior in high school, and Benjamin, a 7<sup>th</sup> Grader.

All is well here in CA. Haven't been back to State College in almost 10 years. Really need to get back there. I have seen **Rob Blair '90**, **Doug Farber '89**, **Bryan Dean '92**, and **Keith Olivia '90** over the last year. They are all doing well."

*Have an update you'd like to share with your Alumni Brothers? Log on to our website at [www.pennstatesig.org](http://www.pennstatesig.org) and go to the "Alumni Updates," tab!*



## Kell Cannon '86, Recalls his Sigma Chi Experience and Tackles Some Bonus Questions!

### Why did you join Sigma Chi?

KC: My father was in a fraternity and always talked favorably about the experience and friends. I really liked people at the house, and had friends who were rushing. However, I couldn't make the initial commitment and delayed joining, which in retrospect was a mistake.

### What is your favorite memory from your fraternity days?

KC: Coming back for lunch and afternoon soap operas with the other brothers. Sports on the side yard – and we actually made the CDT with mud-bowl.

### What is your advice for today's active brothers?

KC: Stay in touch with your brothers. They provide a lasting foundation of friendship. Introduce yourself to other brothers from other chapters or different generations of the same chapter, since you have an automatic bond with them.

### What are you up to these days? What's new in your life?

KC: My daughter, who is now at Penn State, is in her mother's sorority, and my son is a junior in high school and wants to go to Penn State. It's fun to see them reliving my college experience. I wonder what would happen if my son joined Sigma Chi at Penn State. Is that weird?

### How did Sigma Chi play a role in where you are today?

KC: Friendship, justice and learning. All important foundations for success. While not apparent to outsiders, much of my integrity comes from fraternity learnings and experience.

### Why is it important for alumni to give back to the chapter?

KC: To support the concepts and ideals



behind the fraternity – showing that it's more than a social club.

### What makes you most proud of being a Sigma Chi?

KC: The persistent national effort to build character and support academics – as part of a national family.

### How often do you return to State College and when you do, where's the first place you go/ What's your favorite State College spot?

KC: Family Clothesline for the latest Penn State apparel, since I am a consumer at heart. It's amazing the number of people that will wear Penn State logos on campus and throughout the world. And most are very supportive of the University. I was in Rome, Italy a few years ago in winter when it wasn't as crowded with tourists. While in a plaza near the Spanish Step, a person entered from the other end – at least 100 yards away – wearing a Penn State sweatshirt. I yelled

“We Are!” and they immediately yelled back “Penn State!” Go figure. Sigma Chi provides similar instant bonding, but on a family scale.

### A few Bonus questions:

#### You were on the soccer team, and even got on the field a few times, tell me about that.

KC: Yes. Coach Barr was convinced that I was ONLY a sweeper, so that is where he would use me. Only got in to a few games, which was exciting. Since it was so infrequent, I was always surprised when he would come over and say ‘you're going in.’ The best thing from all the practices and prep was that playing on the team gave me access to the team physicians when I was ill. So I could bypass the deluge of students trying to get antibiotics.

#### Tell me a bit about your job and what you do at 3D Communications

KC: 3D is a communications company focused on helping healthcare companies take complex data and crystalize concise, credible and compelling messages that support benefit-risk and product access. We work to minimize the time necessary to get to market, communicate product value, and overcome issues and barriers to success.

#### What should every man know about money?

KC: Beginning saving immediately. Do not spend more than you make.

#### What's your biggest regret?

KC: None, I don't think that way. There are some things I might have said to people that I wish had been more tactful.

#### What advice would you give the younger you?

KC: You don't know if you don't try.



**Do you know of a Sigma Chi alum who would make a good profile subject?**

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Positive Momentum Continues At Alpha Chi

*By Eugene Eignor '98- Alumni President*

This fall, Penn State football got off to a quick start. We beat Ohio State and the momentum continues for Coach Franklin and our Nittany Lions as we climb in the polls. Momentum at Alpha Chi continues as well. We have a completely full house and had a record number of rushes passing through Sigma Chi in early September. Membership continues to be strong and we had the highest GPA of all Fraternities for the Spring 2016 Semester.



of the property and installing a new wood floor throughout the common areas and the great hall. As we push toward the spring semester, we will continue to work with the actives to make Alpha Chi a model property at Penn State.

As the end of 2016 approaches, I want to thank the Board members for their continued dedication and support of Alpha Chi. More importantly, I want to ask our Alumni base for volunteers to help me replenish the talent that has served on the Board over the last few years. One of our objectives has been to continually bring in new members and with them, new ideas. We look for members that span years and

are in need of more recent graduates. If you've graduated within the last 10 years, this could be a great way to give back and help.

We appreciate the continued support and donations 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 as well, who continue to support the Sigma Chi Foundation each year and allow us to work towards Bell Chapter status. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach me at [eignor98@yahoo.com](mailto:eignor98@yahoo.com) or 703-629-8346.

In Hoc,  
Eugene

At the Chapter House, the Board continues to strengthen its ties with the actives and we look forward to completing a few upgrades over Thanksgiving and winter break. We will be adding additional lighting on the exterior

## 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SIGMA CHI GOLF OUTING

*Check Out These Photos From Another Wonderful Summer Golf Outing In State College!*

