



# The Constantine Sig

*Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi at the University of Virginia • Summer 2022*

## DEVELOPING CONNECTIONS

### Join Our Alumni Communications Committee

After the incredible success of the Psi House expansion and renovation, the opportunity to connect with other generations and regale in their stories was as exciting and motivating as the capital campaign itself. It reinforces the bonds we have with our closest Brothers and creates new ones with some incredible and inspiring Psis. For example, in April we had a ceremony at the House inducting **Judge James A. Moore '68** into the Order of Constantine. Additionally, I got married in 2010 at age 48 and had 21 Brothers at our wedding—much to my wife’s chagrin.

**We’re trying to launch an Alumni communications group of 5-8 Brothers from different eras. The group will be independent from the House Board, and the focus will be communications, not fundraising.**

For the capital campaign, we only had about 720 accurate or responded to emails but are showing over 1,300 Brothers on the master list. A main objective of the Alumni communications group will be to develop era leads to close the blind spots on the master list.

Now that Psi has the expanded House and social room, there will be more opportunities to convene at 608 Preston and develop local events and connections in areas where we have solid concentrations of Brothers. Younger Brothers (from late '80s onward) are underrepresented on our active lists.

If you are interested in being a part of the Alumni communications group or have anyone to nominate, the initial effort will be only two virtual meetings per year. Without more robust connections, how will we find more photos like this Derby Days classic from 1982 or this 1983 Mardi Gras field trip?

Please contact me if you’d like to participate or nominate.

In Hoc,  
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*Brothers at the 1983 Mardi Gras celebration.*



*Groups participating in the 1982 Derby Days.*

**Include Psi Chapter in Your Will**  
*Ensuring a Lasting Legacy For Our Brotherhood*

Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi has spent the past six years raising over \$2 million to complete the modernization of 608 Preston Place and make it the preeminent fraternity House at the University of Virginia. Nearly 300 Brothers across decades of pledge classes contributed financially to make this dream a reality.

The success of this endeavor has not only been about refurbishing a physical structure, but it has also been about strengthening our bonds of brotherhood and getting hundreds of Psis to reconnect across generations. Further evidence that our investment is paying dividends has been the induction of over 50 new Brothers over the past 24 months. Psi of Sigma Chi has built up a lot of momentum!

Following the completion of the renovation project, the house corporation board has identified three goals:

- Psi Chapter was left with a \$500,000 mortgage that is being serviced by the active brotherhood. We would like to retire the mortgage over the next 10 to 15 years.
- Additionally, we would like to build a scholarship fund to provide resources to ensure that exceptional young men are not excluded from membership in Psi Chapter because of financial hardship.

- Lastly, and assuming we have sufficient capital, we would like to have the means to reward an outstanding Brother each year with a fourth-year scholarship for contributions to the House and in the classroom (see Scholarship article on page 3).

While any contributions on an annual basis are always appreciated, I have personally elected to include Psi Chapter in my will to help achieve these objectives. Whether \$5,000 or \$100,000, these bequests will make a material difference to Psi Chapter and leave a lasting legacy once we are gone.

If you desire to do something similar and leave a lasting legacy, consider including “Psi of Sigma Chi Chapter” or “Psi of Sigma Chi House Corporation” in your will

In Hoc,  
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# Psi Chapter Is in Great Shape

## TAKING CARE OF 608 AND HONORING OUR NEWEST ORDER MEMBER

The Sigma Chi House Corporation held its spring Board of Directors meeting on March 26th. Below is the current BOD; I am grateful for their commitment to Psi, and I consider myself blessed to have the opportunity to get to know them and work with them to ensure Psi remains one of UVA's premier fraternities.

At the meeting, we covered a standard list of agenda items, including an update from the actives (see page 3); a status report from our House maintenance contractor, the UVA Foundation's Historic Renovation Corporation; discussions on future Alumni communications, including this newsletter (kudos to **Bill Nixon '70**, Barby Nixon—our eagle-eyed editor in chief, and **Rob Raiola '18**); and a presentation of current finances by Treasurer **Tom Washburn '70** along with the proposed fiscal-year budget, which was approved by the BOD at the meeting.

In a nutshell, things are in great shape. Our new Consul, **Patrick Hourican '23**, leads from the front and is setting a tremendous example for the actives. HRC and House manager **Grant Killian '22** are doing an incredible job taking care of 608's physical structure.

Additionally, we remain on a solid financial footing; we have more than \$155,000 in our operating accounts, some of which will be used to pay down our Virginia National Bank "pledge loan" to just under \$110,000. We still have almost \$225,000 in unpaid capital campaign pledge loans, but all of those who have pledged continue to make payments on or ahead of schedule, for which I am grateful. Our other VNB loan (mortgage loan) is now under \$500,000. The remaining pledge payments and the continued full occupancy of the House by actives—all 21 bedrooms—will ensure our ability to pay down the loans and maintain a healthy operating account and management reserve.

Following the meeting, we had the honor of awarding the Sigma Chi Order of Constantine to **Judge James Moore '68** (aka "the Judge," Jim, Chuck, etc.), and celebrating this occasion with dozens of family members, friends, and Brothers. The Order was founded in 1948 to recognize Sigma Chi Alumni who have had long and distinguished service to the fraternity. Since its inception, only 823 Sigma Chis have been inducted.

**Steve Herbert '68** put together a superb nomination package and, not surprisingly, Judge Moore was selected the first year he was considered by the Order. It is the Judge's lifetime of service that made his selection easy for the Order—he has served as a past Psi Pro Consul, Consul, UVA Dormitory Counselor, and U.S. Marine Corps artillery officer, was appointed Virginia state judge, and is a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and Sigma Chi Brother.

The ceremony itself was very moving. **Steve Herbert '68** and **Bill Nixon '70** both provided heartfelt remarks of the important role Judge Moore played in their—and so many others'—lives. Jim's wife Jane, daughters Stephanie and Mary Catherine, and granddaughter Madison were able to witness this important milestone and shared in our admiration of and celebration with Jim. Thank you, Jim, for your years of service to Psi, Sigma Chi, our country, and the state of Virginia. It is an honor to know you and have you as a Brother—you are forever a credit to Sigma Chi!

In Hoc,  
**Jim Mallon '81**  
President  
Psi of Sigma Chi House Corporation



*It is an honor to recognize Judge James A. Moore '68 for his dedication to Sigma Chi with the Sigma Chi Order of Constantine.*



*Steve Herbert '68 watches as Jim Moore's granddaughter, Madison, affixes the Order of Constantine pin.*

## Psi House Corporation Board of Directors

President  
**Jim Mallon '81**

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**Chris Komelasky '00**

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**Bruce Walter '83**  
**Bill Brady '84**  
**Mark Senell '87**  
**Scott Waskey '88**  
**Rob Raiola '18**



*From left: Bill Nixon '70, Steve Herbert '68, and Jim Moore '68 with his granddaughter, Madison, wife Jane, and daughters Stephanie and Mary Catherine.*



## CHAPTER OFFICERS

Consul  
**Patrick Hourican '23**

Pro Consul  
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**Andreas Kamali '24**

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(Derby Days Chairmen)  
**Christian Marinaro '24**  
**Ryan Post '23**

House Manager  
**Grant Killian '22**

Brotherhood Chairman  
**Will Bell '24**



Left: Members at the Sigma Chi Parents Formal. Right: Brothers enjoying their time at the Foxfield Races.

## Living and Learning

### Brothers Made Up for Lost Time This Spring

The Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi had an amazing spring semester! We welcomed 19 new members into our brotherhood, which could not have been done without the great work of our recruitment chairman, **Jake Hibarger '23**, and assistant recruitment chairman, **Joseph Connors '24**. We look forward to getting to know our new Brothers in the coming years and can't wait to see how they leave a mark on our Chapter.

The restrictions on our social events ended this semester, and we could not have been more excited to make up for lost time. Some of our favorite events this semester included our St. Patrick's Day party, Parents Formal Weekend, and Bahamas. Many Brothers also enjoyed a fun-filled spring break in the Dominican Republic.

This semester was also a great learning experience for the Chapter as we worked closely with Sigma Chi International Fraternity to get our House up to date with ritual and initiation. We are proud to say that, as of this semester, all members of Psi Chapter have been initiated into Sigma Chi. We look forward to continuing a great relationship with Headquarters and becoming more consistent with the standards of the fraternity.

We wish the best of luck to the Brothers in the class of 2022 as they begin the next chapter of their lives!

In Hoc,  
**Mateo Aguiar '24**  
Social Chairman



Left: Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi. Center: Psi members at the annual Delta Gamma semi-formal. Right: Brothers soak up the sun in the Dominican Republic during spring break.

## Sigma Chi Creed

I 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 will ever be a credit to our Fraternity.

## ALLEVIATING THE COST OF COLLEGE

### Sigma Chi Foundation Starts Scholarship Fund

The cost of college has risen dramatically over the past few decades. When you consider the cost of tuition, room and board, books, and ancillary costs such as fraternity dues, many students struggle to pay for it all. The dues at Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi are no exception and have risen commensurate with the beautiful remodel of the Chapter House.

There were nineteen bids handed out this spring semester of 2022. Surely, a few of these young men had to think whether to accept that bid due to the additional financial burden it would impose upon them. In addition, there are probably worthy candidates that don't even go through recruitment because they realize they can't afford Chapter dues.

The Alumni of Psi Chapter could help to alleviate those financial challenges. We are in the process of establishing a Psi Alumni Scholarship fund through the Sigma Chi Foundation. These scholarships would be need based and presented to worthy active Psi Brothers.

For every \$25,000 we raise, we can present a \$1,000 scholarship annually. So, if we raise \$200,000, we can present eight \$1,000 scholarships or four \$2,000 scholarships every year.

There is also an opportunity to name a scholarship starting with a \$25,000 gift or \$6,000 per year over five years (\$25,000 gift plus \$1,000 to scholarship every year). We plan on setting up a giving website through the Sigma Chi Foundation, so stay tuned for more information.

In the meantime, if you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [todd.west@wfa.com](mailto:todd.west@wfa.com).

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# Alumni Updates

## CHAPTER ETERNAL

Charles C. Trimble '49 – July 2, 2021

Michael D. Anglin '54 – December 19, 2021

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Edward M. Halley Jr. '56** went into the Air Force as a second lieutenant after graduation and was assigned to the Strategic Air Command. In 1958, he left the Air Force and went to work for the city of Washington, rising to chief engineer and deputy director of the department of sanitary engineering. Ed left the city to work for O'Brien Gear Engineer as a vice president and consultant. He resides in Berwyn Heights, Md. Email: edwardhal@msn.com

**J. Michael Daniel '58** enjoyed gathering for the annual Psi reunion of 1957-61 Brothers in 2021 after missing the 2020 event due to COVID-19. There were only eight attendees, which is a lot less than normal. He shares that when the reunion started in 1988, there were about 40. Mike lives in Fairfax, Va. Email: sam1958@cox.net

**Alexander J. Cole '04** is approaching his two-year anniversary at Upstack, a fast-growing platform that transforms the architecture and sourcing exponents for businesses seeking cloud and internet infrastructure solutions. Alex loves working alongside fellow Psi Brothers **Christopher Trapp '05**, **Ben Smart '03**, and **Ryan Chorazy '05**. Chris founded the company in 2017. Alex lives in Glen Ridge, N.J. Email: alexander.jcole@gmail.com



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## What three words come to mind when you think about Sigma Chi?

"Friendship, Easter parties, values."  
—**Edward M. Halley Jr. '56**

"Brotherhood, honor, love."  
—**Alexander J. Cole '04**

"Brotherhood, long-lasting friendships, parties in the basement."  
—**J. Michael Daniel '58**

"Friends."  
—**Frederic A. Ward '73**

"Animal house parties, Bea and Porter."  
—**John E. Ilg '75**

"Elite, leaders, lifelong."  
—**Adam M. Garber '04**

## Welcome, New Members

**Mike Armentrout '25**  
Virginia Beach, Va.

**Shaurya Nayyar '25**  
Ashburn, Va.

**Zach Rahaman '25**  
Montvale, N.J.

**Tyler Baroudi '25**  
Oakton, Va.

**Wyatt O'Connell '25**  
San Anselmo, Calif.

**Preston Rosh '25**  
Oyster Bay, N.Y.

**Drew Barr '24**  
Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

**Zach Overstreet '25**  
Richmond, Va.

**Aidan Silverman '25**  
Baltimore, Md.

**Henry Brorsen '24**  
Falls Church, Va.

**Guillermo Paredes '25**  
Lima, Perú

**Adam Snyder '25**  
Baltimore, Md.

**Matthew Derzon '25**  
Columbus, Ohio

**Sasha Pasmanik '25**  
Vienna, Va.

**Samuel Suppes '25**  
Johnstown, Pa.

**Danny Kuehn '23**  
Manhasset, N.Y.

**Greyson Ragone '25**  
Richmond, Va.

**Zach Webb '25**  
Norfolk, Va.

**Clay McComb '24**  
Austin, Texas

## Get Ready for Recruitment

Please be on the lookout for an email with Psi Chapter's recruitment video and the digital version of the *Constantine Sig*!

If you're reading this, hopefully we have your correct mailing address! But what about your email? It's still important that we can correspond with you quickly and often on changing conditions at the university and in your fraternity. Please send your email address to aolbrych@penningtonco.com with "Sigma Chi Virginia" in the subject line.