

Sigma Chi Fraternity

Naples / Fort Myers / Marco Island Alumni Chapters

June 2021

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| VALUES, VISION, and MISSION |
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| Sigma Chi's core values are friendship, justice and learning. Our vision is to become the preeminent collegiate leadership development organization. aligned, focused and living our core values. Our mission is to develop values-based leaders committed to the betterment of character, campus and community. |
| UP COMING MEETINGS |
| NAPLES / FORT MYERS LUNCHEON |
| June 11 th - Naples Sailing and Yacht Club - 11:30am to 1:00pm \$25 per member - \$30 non-member / Business Casual |
| FORT MYERS LUNCHEON |
| TBD - The Club at Grandézza, Estero 11:30am to 1:00pm \$20 / Business Casual |
| HAPPY HOUR |
| June 17 th – The British Pub – Mercato - 5:30 |

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EVENTS

The guest speaker for the Naples / Fort Myers June 11th Luncheon will be **Pedro Lora** from **Habitat for Humanity**. *Pedro* will review the very successful Habitat program in Collier County and will discuss possibilities for Sigma Chi to participate beginning in the fall of 2021

Naples Happy Hour on June 17th Thursday night at 5:30pm
at The British Pub located in the Mercato.
Sweethearts and Undergrads welcome!



SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, OXFORD OHIO, JUNE 28, 1905

Among the many delightful memories of those far-off days is that of seven young men, one in heart and purpose—seven, symbol of completeness, if not perfection who met and founded the Sigma Chi Fraternity, feeble as it was young, and seemingly hopeless and helpless. Looking upon our Fraternity as it then was and as it now is, I am filled with wonder and amazement, and can only exclaim. Is it possible that this growth and advancement has been made in the short space of fifty years?

Founder - Daniel William Cooper

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2021 Bell Challenge

CHAPTER BENEFITS

- 3 Additional Free slots at KTLW
- 1 Designated Horizons Slot
- 2 - \$1,000 Academic Scholarships
- Crossroads Alcohol and Drug Education Program

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\$10,000 has been raised so far towards the \$10,000 – 2021 Bell Challenge

Recruitment

Please help our undergraduate chapters identify men of different temperaments, talents and convictions who have what it takes to become Sigma Chi members. You may let our undergraduate chapters know of potential new members by submitting their information [HERE](#).

Allowing

Find a great role model, perhaps someone who struggled and only really succeeded when older. Their biography and what they've done differently from you will help you. If such a person is willing to mentor you or at least allow you to work around them, great.

-Tony Robbins

Change My Life



I am Preston Smith, and I am currently a sophomore at Florida Gulf Coast University. I am Majoring in Entrepreneurship and also pursuing a minor in computer science. I was born in San Diego, California where I lived for 8 months until my family moved away. Unfortunately I have no memories of living there but I always love to tell people I am from San Diego. Where I really am from is Tampa, Florida. My family moved here when I was in second grade and right away, I knew I wanted to stay in Florida for the rest of my life. This is how I decided to attend Florida Gulf Coast University. Florida Gulf Coast University was the perfect distance away from Tampa where I could drive back whenever I wanted but I was still far enough away, so it did not feel like I was still at home.

During my first semester in college 3 of my good hometown friends decided to rush fraternities 2 of them decided to rush Sigma Chi and the other one decided to rush Pi Kappa Phi. I decided to wait until I was used to college to rush a fraternity because I knew it would be a lot of work. I finally felt ready to take on the task of rushing a fraternity in Spring semester of 2021. I had narrowed down my options down to the 2 fraternities that my friends had joined the year before Sigma Chi and Pi Kappa Phi. But my mind was made up on what fraternity to rush when I talked to the brothers of Sigma Chi. They began to explain to me what it takes to become a brother and the standard they hold themselves and other brothers. That was when I first learned of the Jordan Standard and now it is something I live by.

When I got my bid my friends and roommates who were already brothers decided to play a little prank on me. I was sitting in my room when one of them called me down. When I walked in the living room a group of brothers including my roommates were waiting for me. One of my roommates started saying that he was so sorry, but Sigma Chi did not want to extend a bid to me, and they were all really angered about it but it was a group of older brothers who did not want me. I was hit with disappointment until our front door opened and the recruitment chair walked in and approached me where he asked me if I heard the bad news. I said I did, and he responded with, "I am sorry to about that news, but Sigma Chi wants to extend a bid to you." I was in shock and ecstatic at the same time. All I could think is where is the closest pen so I can sign this thing. Little did I know that this signature would change my life.

The next 5 weeks had its ups and downs but at the end of all the weeks I felt I had grown into a person that represented all of the Jordan Standard. I had gained lifelong friends, a nickname that stuck like glue and many memories that I will never forget.

If I could go back and change anything about my whole process that led me to become a brother of Sigma Chi, I would not change a thing. Even with all of the lows that were experienced during my 5 weeks of pledging, like when I failed a test for messing up on a few things it taught me to focus more on the little things. Because if you do not do the little things right you will not do the big thing perfectly.

From the outside many people think fraternities are only things that kids want to join because of parties and drinking. But that is far from the true. I cannot speak for others, but I know that Sigma Chi is not a place for people who just want to party and drink but it is a place where boys become men and where those men better themselves and their community.

In Hoc,

Preston Smith, Florida Gulf Coast University, Lambda Zeta 2023

10th Anniversary

SAVE THE DATE

Lambda Zeta's 10th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, November 13th 2021, will be at:

The Club at Grandézza, 11481 Grande Oak Boulevard, Estero, FL 33928

More information to follow at a later date

SWFL Alumni Meeting



The Naples/Marco and Fort Myers/Estero Alumni Chapters met for their monthly luncheon at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club Friday, May 14th. As always, we sincerely appreciate brother *Pedro Wasmer*, **University of Maryland**, Gamma Chi 1962,

for kindly serving as Sponsor for our monthly event at his wonderful Club.

Even though a number of brothers have already departed for their northern environs we were pleased to have fourteen in attendance which included three Actives from the Lambda Zeta Chapter (FGCU) and the Lambda Zeta Sweetheart.

On behalf of President *Mike Roach*, **Michigan State University**, Gamma Psi 1966 the meeting was led by *Jim Shields*, **University of Iowa**, Alpha Eta 1963. After partaking in the absolutely sumptuous buffet, we proceeded with our traditional round-the-room introductions by brothers and guests.

The AZ Chapter update included news that the Chapter's new Executive Board was recently installed. *Bill Robinson*, **Washington University**, Tau Tau 1959 led a discussion with Chapter members regarding the importance of Alumni Mentorship to their members. *Richard Ponton*, **University of New Mexico**, Beta Xi 1987, will give a Presentation at our June 11th Alumni meeting about the go-forward Plan.

Mason Cox, Lambda Zeta Philanthropy Chair, provided us with details regarding their plans for next school year's campus-wide event. As an iconic one-of-a-kind happening at Sigma Chi Chapters worldwide, it has been written that the inaugural Derby Day event was at Sigma Chi Chapter in 1933 at **University of California**.

Thanks to Brother *Donald Astley*, **University of Miami**, Gamma Phi 1976, we were most pleased to have special Guest Speaker *David R. Hinds*, President of Gulf Coast Museum of Military History (GCMMH). The Gulf Coast Museum of Military History is dedicated to Honoring, Preserving and Protecting our nation's vast military memorabilia.

It was especially fitting because much like *David Hinds*, a number of our brothers attending this day's get-together also served in Viet Nam and other armed actions occurring in our lifetime.

David served as a combat Marine in Viet Nam in 1966/67 near the DMZ between North and South Viet Nam. After having been wounded a third time, *David* spent the remainder of his two year commitment in Cuba.

We thank our brothers and *David* for Service to our nation. *David* was inducted into the Veterans Hall of Fame. He has been a core member of the Naples Military Museum for nine years, the last two years as President of the organization. Located at Naples Airport, the Museum offers many compelling stories of our Country's veterans through military artifacts from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean, Viet Nam, and the Gulf War.

Brother *Bill Robinson* presented the SWFL Alumni Chapters' Treasurer Report which is in good stead. *Bill* also followed with an update on Membership Drive by both Alumni Chapters. He also gave an update on recent covid suspensions and new Colonies and Chapters being uninstalled this spring. A check for \$100 was presented to the Sweetheart of Lambda Zeta, *Libby Gardner*, towards her expenses this coming year by *Bill*. *Libby* was very surprised and appreciative of the gift.

-*Jim Shields*, Fort Myers Alumni - President



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Surrounding

The choices you make now, the people you surround yourself with, they all have the potential to affect your life, even who you are, forever.

-*Sarah Dessen*



Caffine

Spilling hot coffee on your lap wakes you up faster than drinking it.



Funny Days

June

2nd Leave the Office Early Day

11th Corn on the Cob Day

17th Eat Your Vegetables Day

28th [Tau Day](#)



Encouragement

You need to be aware of what others are doing, applaud their efforts, acknowledge their successes, and encourage them in their pursuits. When we all help one another, everybody wins.

-*Jim Stovall*



The Best

There are, basically, three kinds of people: the unsuccessful, the temporarily successful, and those who become and remain successful. The difference is character.

-*Jon Hunstman*



ΣΧ Foundation

THE BEST IN THE GREEK-LETTER WORLD

Did you know?

The Sigma Chi Foundation provides more support to our members than any other greek letter organization (Fraternity or Sorority).

And despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain at the forefront providing value to our members across North America.

[Read More](#)

Naples Museum of Military History



My name is *Dave Hinds*. It was such an honor to be asked to be a guest speaker at your Sigma Chi meeting on May 14th at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. I appreciate this opportunity and thank you for your attendance.

As the president of the [Naples Museum of Military History](#) at the Naples Municipal Airport, I'm pleased to unveil our future dream museum when funds become available. But first, I'd like to share a few War stories. All were true except meeting Forest Gump whom in real life was *Sammy Lee Davis*, a Viet Nam War Medal of Honor recipient. The movie was made loosely based on his combat experience and bravery. My treatment aboard the hospital ship was very much similar to Forest. Still Love ice cream but not as good playing ping pong as Forest.

I served as a combat Marine in Viet Nam in 1966 and 1967. Actions were immediate in the jungles after I jumped out of the helicopter near the DMZ separating North and South Viet Nam. Our mission was search and destroy areas where Viet Cong had been sited or Regular North Vietnam military movement had been spotted. Both groups who fought French in the 50's and were very well prepared for 18 & 19 year old American recruits. On my visit to Viet Nam 50 years later in 2017, I'm still amazed at the intricate tunnel systems throughout the country and by the designs and the resourcefulness by those who had almost nothing.

My war experiences in Viet Nam DMZ zone included the hand to hand combat when our base was overrun by North Vietnamese, at the end many others and me survived with our superior fire power and helicopter gunships. Fortunately for me, depending on how you look at it, after being wounded 3 separated times after 9 months, I was sent to Okinawa to recover and sent back to the US 3 months later. I thought I had it made. However, you still had to serve your 13 month tour of duty. After 30 days in the US, I was transferred to Cuba as the Marine Corps provides security on the US navy bases, located at Guantanamo Bay, the same base that *Tom Cruise* movie, "A Few Good Men" was made, until my honorable discharge in 1968.

After coming home, I worked as an auto mechanic, manufactory worker, and small engine repair man until joining the fire department as a fire fighter in 1974. I have been trained as a fire instructor, paramedic, building inspector, hazard material technician and arson investigator. I served as senior arson investigator in the last 5 years of my 23 year firefighter career, plus as a deputy sheriff for 11 years. After retiring from the fire department, I've worked as a driving instructor teaching teens and adults, the most dangerous job, for 5 years.

I received the of Outstanding Community Achievement of Vietnam Era Veterans Certification from President *Jimmy Carter*, and was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame for my over 40 years military and community voluntary services. After moving to Naples, I've volunteered at the Naples Senior Center and St Matthews House and am still volunteering at the Help Outreach Center and of course, the Military Museum.

Thank you for your interest and support of the Museum and our veterans.

Prevail



If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude

-Colin Powell

Fun



The most fun things in life are either immoral, illegal or they make you fat.

Dress for Success



Don't forget to order your Sigma Chi Alumni Shirts

Cost \$20 and \$25.

Please see Bill Robinson for details.

Smart



I don't have gray hair, I have wisdom highlights.

Assist



Accomplishments are not only what other people can see but, more importantly, are those selfless actions and behavior that focus on giving assistance to others without any thoughts of getting something back in return.

-Byron R. Pulsifer

Give



I believe that we all have a responsibility to give back. No one becomes successful without lots of hard work, support from others, and a little luck. Giving back creates a virtuous cycle that makes everyone more successful.

-Ron Conway

Earn It



You earn brotherhood – the purest friendship, trust, love, whatever you want to call it – moment by moment through how you treat others.

-Doug Cooper

Huntsman Cancer Foundation

I am extremely proud of our undergraduate brothers this year as we look at the amazing effort our chapters made to continue to be "the generation to end cancer." Their school year started under very adverse conditions as the world-wide pandemic continued to impact the normal day to day instruction at our colleges and universities. Schools were either virtual only or on a very restricted schedule of "in-person learning." Chapters could no longer meet together in person and had to resort to "virtual" chapter meetings and even "virtual" pledging and modified ceremonies of initiation. But as we learned what would or could work, our undergraduate brothers creatively found ways to hold virtual events including virtual activities and virtual "Derby Days." But, what seemed to work wonders was texting, emailing and reaching out to family, and alumni and friends, explaining how cancer is personal. The drive to continue to push forward to "be the generation to end cancer," seemed to be even stronger.

As of the date of the release of this newsletter, Sigma Chi has raised over \$1.8 million this school year, our third highest year ever! Georgia Southern University raised over \$116K! Cal Poly Pomona, over \$94K and getting close to be the second school over \$100K. 10 other schools have raised over \$50K including the University of Miami with more than \$60K. One brother there raised more than \$21K on his own! 18 more schools have reached the \$20K mark including Florida Atlantic University. We couldn't be more proud of our brothers! And they did it with the help of our alumni. They will "be the generation to end cancer." Please consider a gift today to add to the hard work of your undergraduate chapter. The place to do so is to [CLICK HERE](#).

For larger gifts, or gifts of stocks or certificates, please contact *Jerry Nelson* at Huntsman Cancer Foundation, jinelson@huntsmanfoundation.org.



Significant Business



May's Honored Sig

Damian Taylor
University of North Carolina
 Alpha Tau, 1990

Chapter Eternal

Scott B. Arnold, University of Florida, Gamma Theta 1951

ALL HONOR TO HIS NAME

Brother *Scott B. Arnold*, 94, passed away peacefully at home on May 19, 2021 after a long, happy and successful life.

Scott was a veteran of the US Army, proudly serving in WWII. Earning a degree in Architecture from the University of Florida in 1950, he was a registered architect in 49 of the 50 states.

Scott moved to Bonita Springs to retire in 1995. He was an avid golfer and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs.



[Read the Obituary](#)

Special Heart



A JOURNEY OF FAITH, HOPE, COURAGE AND LOVE

Fox News Channel anchor Significant Sig, *Bret Baier, DePauw University*, Xi 1992 and an Honorary Lifetime Member of the SWFL Sig Alumni Chapter, shares the New York Times bestselling story of his son Paul's ongoing battle with heart disease, and how it transformed his own life and family.

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Alumni Membership for the 2020 – 2021 Season



Dues are \$30 for either Naples or Fort Myers, \$50 for both.

Please mail membership dues to:

Naples / Fort Myers Alumni, PMB 206, PO Box 413005, Naples, FL 34101-3005

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Fraternity Advisor

A Fraternity Leader's Secret Weapon

A motivated leader is always thinking about the fraternity, and always thinking about how he can improve the chapter. He will participate in hundreds of impromptu brainstorming sessions. What is the point though if most lessons are lost?

Because of this, it is essential that a leader keep a collection of his thoughts. Having a simple notebook where he can record his ideas will have a profound effect on his leadership ability. All too often a great idea is put aside and lost forever. Don't let that happen to you.

But that leaves the question, what do you do if you don't have your notebook on you? Send yourself a text or email reminder from your phone. If you are driving, leave yourself a voicemail. With the tools a fraternity leader has at his disposal, there is no reason why an idea should ever be lost.

Your thoughts and ideas are too valuable to leave to chance that you might forget. Keep a record that will become your knowledge bank for years to come.

[The Fraternity Advisor](#)



Did You Know

1 Ninety percent of the world's population lives above the equator.

2 MLB umpires are required to wear black underwear in case they split their pants.

3 You are always looking at your nose; your brain just chooses to ignore it.

4 There are over 700 ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic symbols.

5 Elmer Fudd's original name was Egghead.





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