



The BATTLEFIELD SIG

Spring 2024

THETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

A Wonderful 160th Celebration



A RECAP OF THE EVENT

Chapter alumni and guest Brothers in attendance at the 160th Anniversary Banquet.

Please join me and the House Corporation Board in celebrating another milestone in Theta's long and storied history! Theta Chapter recently celebrated the 160th anniversary of its founding in 1863. Since its charter, our humble chapter has survived through it all: involvement in every major war since the one that made Gettysburg a household name, two major pandemics, shifts in culture, and the rise of anti-fraternity sentiment nationwide.

Suffice it to say, you have helped keep our chapter's torch alight throughout the ages, so this is a true achievement worth celebrating.

On Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, brothers descended on Gettysburg to share in the merriment and cherish the opportunity to reconnect with their collegiate home. Friday night, dozens of alumni met in the Gettysburg Hotel's

Pub Mural Room to catch up with brothers young and old. The weekend was off to a strong start.

That evening into Saturday morning, undergraduate brothers prepared and carried out an excellent initiation ceremony at the masonic lodge, welcoming three new members who were met with an extended warm welcome from the
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160TH ANNIVERSARY ATTENDEES

Thank You to All Who Joined Us

1960s

1962

Bayard Moran
Pete Yingling

1963

Raymond Truex
Frank Young

1968

Edwin Gilbert

1970s

1977

Bruce Keim
Scott Luschenat
Richard Mayo
Bruce Reynolds
John Rheiner
Richard Whiting

1978

Daniel Capozzi
Alan Fuerstman
Jeffrey Hoachlander
J. Mathew Skinner

1980s

1980

Stephen
Steinour

1983

Jeffrey Balta

1985

Chris Aherne
Edward Benz
Ken Shockley
Dave Walker

2010s

2010

Michael Sass

2012

Ryan Woodward

2015

Samuel Blum

2017

Nelson Coleman
Alexander Cottone

2018

Michael Boncardo
Brayden Bolan
Andrew DePaul
Drew Edelson
Noah Fatzinger
Christopher Severini

2019

Samuel Engel
Ian Farber

FRATERNAL SPECIAL GUESTS

Aaron Richardson,
Tennessee-Martin '09

Grand Consul
Bob Wilson,
Fort Hayes '81

Bruce Casner,
George Washington '71

Grand Trustee
Frank Araby,
George Washington '84

Order of Constantine
Nathan Neal,
George Washington '83

Chapter Advisor
Richard Krisch,
Pittsburgh State '73

Assistant
Chapter Advisor
Joseph Santacroce,
South Florida '88

NONFRATERNAL SPECIAL GUESTS

Jon Allen, Office
of Student Activities
and Greek Life

Vern Cisney,
Faculty Advisor

Robert Iuliano, President
of Gettysburg College

2020s

2020

Arthur Garst
Mathew Lang
Samuel Sheldon

2021

Jack Kenyon

2022

Angus Brouillard
Peter Halsey

2024

Michael Baehre

2025

Quinn Klaimann

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nearly 30 alumni in attendance. Of course, we must thank Chapter Advisor **Richard Krisch, Pittsburg State '73** for his role in organizing the undergraduates for a flawless ceremony and Sigma Chi's Grand Consul **Bob Wilson, Fort Hayes '81** for giving the initiates their Charge and badges.

Initiation was followed by a reception at the chapter house. Though a home-cooked barbecue meal was the planned menu, extensive rainfall shifted us within the house. Alumni mingled and connected with the strong undergraduate presence over slices of pizza.



Alan Fuerstman '78 delivering the keynote speech for the 160th anniversary banquet.

Finally, the weekend concluded with a grand banquet in the ballroom of the Gettysburg Hotel with 50 or so brothers, some with their spouses or girlfriends. Notably, the celebration was attended by Grand Consul Bob Wilson, Order of Constantine Sigs Richard Krisch and **Nathan Neal, George Washington '83**, Grand Trustee **Frank Araby, George Washington '84**, and keynote speaker **Alan Fuerstman '78** (CEO of Montage Hotels and Resorts), with **Bruce Casner, George Washington '71** as our master of ceremonies. Brother Fuerstman gave an appreciated and insightful speech about his career in the hotel industry since graduating from Gettysburg. Speeches were also given by Brother Wilson and by chapter Consul **Quinn Klaimann '25** about the state of Theta in 2024.

All in all, the weekend was a testament to the enduring bonds of Sigma Chi and Theta Chapter. On behalf of HCB, I dearly thank everyone who attended. When a little older and a little wiser, I too look forward to seeing each of you again for our 165th anniversary just a quick five years down the road.



In Hoc,
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Vice President
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Thank You, Loyal Brothers

We Appreciate Your Support

Thank you to our generous brothers who have chosen to financially support Theta Chapter in 2023 and so far in 2024. Your commitment to our brotherhood helps ensure a strong future for Sigma Chi at Gettysburg. We hope to see many more names on this list before 2024 comes to a close!

Col. Fred B. Hoenniger '52
Frederick E. Kauffman Jr. '59
Dr. Ronald L. Paul '59
Richard C. Purdy '59
Robert C. Strait '60
S. Morton Creech Jr. '61
George W. Volkman '61
Alexander G. Chatkewitz '62
Carl G. Yingling '62
Raymond C. Truex Jr. '63
Curtis P. Cheyney III '64
William M. Thomas '64
William O. Norton II '67
Dr. Richard A. Renza Sr. '67
Edwin P. Gilbert '68
C. Craig Guers '68
Michael C. Ramsey '68
F. Thomas Kull Jr. '69

Thomas B. Atherholt '71
Charles A. Darlington III '71
Douglas R. Barr Jr. '72
Geoffrey B. Geffken '72
Andrew G. Mays '75
Peter N. Herring '76
J. Matthew Skinner '78
John W. Welch '80
Harry T. Davies '81
Robert L. Komoroski '82
Michael J. Stankevicz '85
Michael J. Romano '93

In memory of
Hugo Hilgendorf
Michael C. Manzo '97
Raymond Luis Morales III '12
Edward F. Zaleski IV '13

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CONTINUING OUR LEGACY

Theta Chapter Remains Involved Across Campus and the Community

Theta Chapter has enjoyed its 160th year at Gettysburg College. Our 2024-25 executive board began its term this January and is excited to continue the great work of our chapter. Theta initiated eight brothers in the Fall and four in the Spring. Our Spring class initiation coincided with the celebration of the 160th, enabling the chapter to share in the festivities with the chapter and alumni and fraternal guests from around the world, including Grand Consul **Bob Wilson, Fort Hayes '81**.

This year, the chapter participated in many philanthropic events: Chi-O Night Live, Mr. Apha-O, and SAE Shave-athon. We will also be involved in ADPi Philanthropy Feud. We co-hosted a blood drive in February through the Red Cross with Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Omicron Pi. Finally, Derby Days this spring was held April 8-13; we raised \$21,788 towards our \$50,000 goal for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation.

Off campus, we took pride in our community; brothers helped a senior couple move and are participating in more local community service opportunities. Also, Theta brothers went global this year; four went abroad this Fall and studied in Amsterdam, Berlin, Rabat, and Rome!

Brothers are deeply involved in all areas of campus life. In the arts, **Logan Sodl '24** was the lead in the student-directed musical "Something Rotten." **Dylan Hewitt '24** performed his senior cello recital "Zeitgeist."

In athletics, we have nine brothers on the swim team; five made the Centennial Conference team and two qualified for academic all-district. Currently, **Declan Sheeran '24** serves as captain, and next year, **Charlie Kiddo '25** and **Cort Hobbeman '25** will be captains. On the tennis court, we have four brothers, including captains **Mikey Fellman '25** and **Alex Kagan '24**, and on the baseball diamond, two pitchers. Brothers also participate in club sports with three on the hockey team captained by **Quinn Klaiman '25**, and four brothers in soccer led by captains **Alex Saville '25** and **Henry Scheltzer '24**.

The undergraduate members are eager to put COVID-19 in the distant past and continue the great legacy of Sigma Chi and Theta Chapter. We are developing improved internal management systems and rebuilding relationships on campus and throughout the vast alumni network.

In Hoc,
Quinn Klaiman '25
Consul



Magister Ben Sarnitsky '26 gets his head shaved at a philanthropy event.



Brothers enjoying a cowboy party.



Brothers after helping a local couple move.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Consul
Quinn Klaiman '25

Pro Consul
Aidan Lee '25

Annotator
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Quaestor
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Magister
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Risk Manager
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Social Chairman
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DEI Chairman
Cort Hobelman '25

Ritual Chairman
Matt Catalano '26

Brotherhood Chairman
Trey Mitchell '25

Scholarship Chairman
Alex Saville '25

Exciting Updates Await!

IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT?

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Join us in finding the right men to bring
Theta Chapter to new heights!

Welcome, New Brothers!

Parker Cohen '26
Maitland, Fla.

Brian Fernandez-Nunez '26
New Castle, Del.

Tyler Hillson '26
Gettysburg, Pa.

Dan Nguyen '26
Hanoi, Vietnam

"The brothers."

—Parker Cohen '26

"To achieve a lifelong social and
familial bond with my peers that I
could not find outside of Sigma Chi."
—Tyler Hillson '26

Why Sigma Chi?

"I was drawn to the profound sense of brotherhood,
fostering lifelong connections and support. Being part of
Sigma Chi allows me to engage in meaningful relationships while
striving toward common goals."

—Dan Nguyen '26