

UPCOMING EVENT

Alumni Day 2015
Saturday, May 16

OFFICERS

Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia, Inc.

At Homecoming 2014, the following were nominated and re-elected for another one-year term:

Mark Kocent '82 - President

Gerald Knorr '82 - Vice President and Treasurer

Maury Nunes '70 - Legal Counsel

Steven Adler '82

Jon Greenawalt Jr. '91

Paul Hertel III '88

Dhan Pai '83

Tom Valenti '00

Reed Werner '01

Ronald Woodmansee '82

ALUMNI NEWS

Jon Sieck '60

(5436 Paperwhite Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23455; wjsieck@yahoo.com) Barbara and I relocated last year from the Philadelphia area to Virginia Beach. She is mostly doing dog obedience training and I play a lot of tennis and a little at business. I retired from the financial world in 1989, started a wholesale auto parts business, and sold that last year. Now it's time to start on a third career. I'm glad to see that Phi Phi is active and that the chapter house is being kept up and the University is keeping its hands off!

Share YOUR news for possible publication at www.phiphi-sigmachi.org.

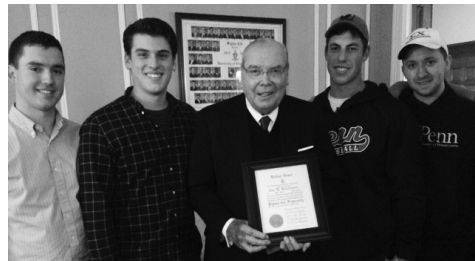


ALUMNI NEWS

Brother Jon Huntsman '59 Shares Inspirational Stories with Phi Phi Undergraduates

Distinguished Alum Makes Memorable Visit to the Sigma Chi House During Book Signing Tour at Penn

On November 12, members of the Phi Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi extended a warm welcome to Brother **Jon M. Huntsman Sr. '59** at the chapter house at 3809 Locust Walk. Brother Huntsman was on campus as part of his book signing tour for his new autobiography, Barefoot to Billionaire – Reflections on a Life's Work and a Promise to Cure Cancer. A core



Jon M. Huntsman Sr. '59 holding his framed 1959 International Balfour Award, flanked by his brothers (from L to R) Matt Kocent '16, Consul Conor Hails '15, Matt McKinnon '15, and Griffin Rubin '17. Find more photos from the visit on our web site.

of undergrads greeted Mr. Huntsman at the bookstore and escorted him through campus back to the house. Joined by more members of the brotherhood seated together in the Blue Room, Mr. Huntsman offered a generous dose of inspirational stories of his life's work, mixed with a few humorous anecdotal details of his days at 3809 Locust. He graciously returned the next day to personally inscribe copies of his new book for each undergraduate. His visit was truly a highlight of the year for the undergrads, and his exemplary life is indicative of our fraternal challenge that the "White Cross must gain new luster by one's life." In the case of Jon Huntsman Sr., the White Cross is burning bright!

Jon inscribed a book for the Phi Phi library. His message reads, "To my brothers at Sigma Chi (Phi Phi): I send my love and greetings to my dear brothers. Note my message in the book about Sigma Chi. It's the best! Success to each of you and God's blessings."

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Phi Phi Chapter 1875 Charter Reframed

Four years after the University of Pennsylvania moved from 9th and Chestnut Streets to its West Philadelphia campus in 1871, the Sigma Chi Fraternity installed its 34th chapter, Phi Phi of Pennsylvania, on September 17, 1875. The original charter, granted to Phi Phi by the Ohio Wesleyan Chapter of Sigma Chi, has survived 139 years and most recently has been displayed in the chapter room at 3809 Locust Walk.

This past summer, the House Corporation had this historic document, along with the 1912 Charter that founded the House Corp., both taken down and restored. Laser-scanned copies of each were reframed and returned to display at the chapter house. The original documents have been secured safely in archival storage. The Board is considering opportunities to make copies of these documents available to alumni.



1875 Charter Reframed and Hanging in Chapter Room

AT THE HOUSE

Get a Room!

Imagine: Your Name Forever Preserved On a Piece of the Chapter House

Now is your chance to have a bedroom in the chapter house named in your honor. Over the past five years, the Phi Phi House Corporation has begun to carefully renovate and restore all of the bedrooms at 3809 Locust Walk. Based on a thorough prototype renovation of the traditional Consul's bedroom on the second floor, to date we have accomplished the following:

- Replaced all bedroom windows with custom insulated units matching Philadelphia Historical Commission guidelines (summer 2009-10)



The Charles and Jamie Greene bedroom (The Gym) after restoration.

- Replaced all bedroom doors, frames, custom trim, and hardware (summer 2012)
- Restored fireplace mantles, hearths, and mirrors as needed (summer 2013-14)
- Repaired plaster and repainted all walls, ceiling, and trim (summer 2013-14)
- Repaired and restored all hardwood floors (summer 2014)
- Provided new area carpets and pads to protect the floors (summer 2014)
- Moving ahead we will continue to upgrade finishes, window treatments, and furniture.

A number of brothers have stepped up to financially support these investments and commemorate the improvements. The Board would like to acknowledge the commitment of the following brothers for their generous support and will be installing commemorative plaques on individual bedrooms in their honor:

- **Alvin V. Shoemaker '60**
- **Paul K. Kelly '62**
- **Murray K. McComas '58**
- In honor of **C. Leigh Faldi '60** - donated by **Alvin V. Shoemaker '60** and **Paul K. Kelly '62**
- **Charles V. Greene '10** and **James H. Greene III '08**
- **John H. Frazer Jr '80** and **Charles S. Baugh '81**

We look forward to adding your name to one of the remaining bedrooms. The commitment is \$25,000 and can be made in one contribution or spread over a few years. Take advantage of this opportunity to make a lasting impression on our chapter house! All donations are tax deductible and coordinated via Penn's development office. For more information, contact Mark Kocent at mkocent@upenn.edu or 215-898-5794.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Taking Over "The Gym"

Brothers Jamie and Charles Green Sponsor Bedroom at Phi Phi House

Jamie '08 and **Charles Green '10** are more than just Sigma Chi brothers. They are blood brothers who now share a very special connection—they joined together to sponsor their former bedroom at 3809 Locust Walk, The Gym. Now living on opposite coasts, the brothers know they always have a place to call "home" at Phi Phi.

Why does it make you proud to be brothers in more ways than one?

Jamie: I am not a good enough writer to describe how proud I am to be brothers with Charlie.

Charles: It is truly an honor to me that I am brothers, best friends, and fraternity brothers with Jamie. I think being fraternity brothers helped cement our relationship.

Share your best memory from being active in the chapter at the same time.

Jamie: My senior year, my brother was a sophomore living in The Gym and I lived in the room across from it. It was a wonderful experience to live in the chapter house with my brother.

Charles: I couldn't agree more. Living in the chapter house together, especially across the hall from each other, was amazing. We had too much fun—from the school of piranhas, Howie the ferret (Franklin Howard Scobey), trips to AC and numerous unremarkable nights at Smokes it was a very special year.

Why did you decide to name The Gym at the house by making a sizable donation?

Jamie: We have gotten to know **Al Shoemaker '60** over the years and have always been impressed with his dedication to the house many years after he graduated. Charlie and I had wanted to give back, and we both lived in The Gym when we were sophomores. It holds a special place in our memories of college.

Charles: Gymnasts have always been a cut above the rest!

Why would you encourage other alumni to do the same?

Jamie: The only way the house continues to create special memories for the next generation is if alumni give back.



Charles (left) and Jamie Greene skiing in the Cariboo Mountains, British Columbia, in March 2014.

Why is it important for alumni to give back to Phi Phi, at any level?

Charles: The house provided the framework for some of my best college memories. I want to be certain that young men of character continue to have that opportunity and hope that all alumni can agree to that. Any gift, no matter the size, helps.

Reconnect with Jamie at jhgreene@gmail.com and Charles at charles@cvgreene.com. Read the full profile at www.phipi-sigmachi.org.

FINANCIALS

House Corporation in a Strong Position with Continued Growth

At the House Corp.'s annual Homecoming meeting, **Gerald Knorr '82** provided a detailed accounting of the House Corporation's financial assets and reported our strong position with continued growth:

- Affinity Connection Annual Dues: (9/1/13 thru 8/31/14): \$14,420 in receipts from 92 donors, against \$13,883 in expenses for the annual web site and *Quaker Sig* communication plan.

• Short Term Assets:	\$37,125
• Long-Term Assets:	\$60,213
• Total Unrestricted Assets: (+10% growth since 2013)	\$97,338
• Phi Phi Scholarship Fund managed by Sigma Chi Foundation:	\$98,650

Assets managed by the University on behalf of Phi Phi:

• Residential Maintenance and Construction Fund (#600631 Gift Fund):	\$62,068
• Capital Improvement Fund:	\$66,625

Help us continue to grow! Learn about giving options at www.phipi-sigmachi.org.

Impressive Capital Projects and Improvements at 3809 Locust Walk

At Homecoming 2014, **Mark Kocent '82** presented a summary of the capital projects completed over the past summer and those under consideration for future investment. The major work this summer included restoring the Huntsman Blue Room and refinishing all hardwood floors and providing new carpets in all of the bedrooms. The Board also reframed the original chapter and House Corp. charters, as explained in detail on page 1.

Completed this Past Summer:

Blue Room and Common Areas Finishes

Blue Room paint and plaster repairs:	\$1,375*
Blue Room curtains and rods:	\$3,553^
Oriental carpets cleaned, (3 carpets)	\$316^
New carpet on stairway to Basement:	\$1,300^
<u>Basement and Laundry repainted:</u>	<u>\$2,275*</u>
Total:	\$8,819

Bedroom Finishes:

Hardwood floor refinishing:	\$13,384^
Carpets and pads:	\$8,980^
Gym fireplace mirror:	\$525^
Gym plaster repair and repaint:	\$2,300*
Paint and plaster repairs 2 nd Floor bedrooms:	\$4,800*
<u>Misc window blinds and AC duct repairs:</u>	<u>\$340</u>
Total:	\$30,329

Document Scan, Print, Framing

Scan/Reprint:	\$716^
Reframe 1875 Phi Phi Charter:	\$346^
Reframe 1912 Sigma Chi Club Charter:	\$166^
<u>Reframe c1920 House watercolor:</u>	<u>\$111^</u>
Total:	\$1,339

Total Cost for Summer Projects: \$40,487

(Funded from various sources incl: Gift Fund^, CIF* and Operating Budget)

Future Projects Under Consideration:

Interior Improvements:

Kitchen (new equipment and finishes) Ops and CIF	\$12,000
New electric distribution and subpanels	
<i>Central Pool, summer 2015</i>	\$100,000
New Bedroom Furniture	\$100,000

Exterior Improvements:

Stair Tower (replace Fire Escape) <i>Central Pool, in design, 2015-16</i>	\$400,000
Masonry re-pointing/Brownstone repairs <i>Central Pool, 2017-18</i>	\$285,000
Porch tile floor repair <i>Central Pool, summer 2016</i>	\$20,000
ADA Entry/Bathroom Addition	\$1,500,000

The Board discussed acquiring new commercial-grade kitchen equipment to replace the existing 1985-era equipment including a single door stainless steel refrigerator, a 6-burner gas range with griddle, and a new broiler. Based on bids received, the Board approved spending \$10,000 from the chapter's Capital Improvement Fund.

A Number of Future Improvements to be Paid by University Fraternity/Sorority Pooled Capital Program

Beginning this academic year, the University-managed fraternity and sorority houses have begun to participate in a Common Pooled Capital Fund that will allow the system to comprehensively address deferred maintenance and asset preservation needs of all University-managed chapter houses. Funds to implement the plan come from three sources: a \$2M University capital grant, a University-funded \$3M low interest line of credit, and \$5M

from pooled fraternity and sorority rents and out-of-house member fees.

As identified above, a number of future capital investments needed in our historic chapter house will be paid for by this new Central Pooled Fraternity/Sorority Capital Fund. Life safety upgrades are slated first, and will include a new stair tower to replace our fire escape along with new electrical subpanels and distribution wiring throughout the house.

Masonry repairs and other asset preservation items will follow.

It is important to note that independent from this pooled fund, the University, in collaboration with our Board, will continue to ensure that all past and future alumni contributions to our Residential Maintenance and Capital Fund (#subcode 600631) will be maintained for the sole use of Sigma Chi.



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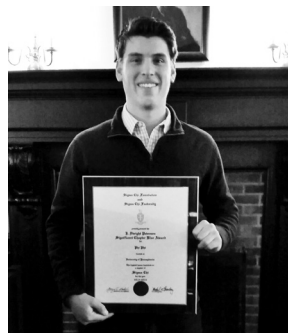
CHAPTER NEWS

Phi Phi Earns 4th Peterson Significant Chapter Award

The Peterson Significant Chapter Award, sponsored annually by the Sigma Chi Foundation, is the highest honor that the Fraternity bestows upon an undergraduate chapter. Named for 38th Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson, the award recognizes excellent, but not impossible, performance by chapters in all major areas of operation and programming. Award criteria are assigned on an objective scale and encompass the entire gamut of chapter activities, from financial stability and recruitment, to chapter and member reputation, to Ritual and Initiation performance. Because chapter operations vary among campuses and chapters, each chapter measures itself against these absolute Sigma

Chi standards, rather than against other chapters.

Winning chapters are determined by an evaluation of the chapter's Annual Report submission. There are two levels of distinction for chapters who achieve a significantly high score in winning



Consul Conor Hails '15 holding the 2014 Peterson Significant Chapter Blue Award

the Peterson Significant Chapter Award. To achieve the Gold award, chapters must achieve a 97 percent or higher score ascribed to their annual report. The Blue award acknowledges those chapters that score between a 90–96.99 percent. These awards are presented each summer at the annual Balfour Leadership Training Workshop.

This year marks the fourth time the Phi Phi Chapter has won the Peterson, along with 1982, 1986, and 1992. The Chapter's Executive Committee has committed to trying to repeat their 2014 accomplishment in 2015, something Phi Phi has never done!

STATE OF THE CHAPTER

Sigma Chi is One of the Largest Fraternities on Campus

55-Man Membership is Well Represented on Campus and in Chapter Leadership Positions

By Conor Hails '15, Consul

The Phi Phi Chapter has a strong active brotherhood of 55 members of very diverse backgrounds. We are proud to be well represented across a number of athletic teams, including football, baseball, hockey, and golf. Additionally, the chapter house has a strong base of young leadership. This makes for a tightly-contested election for the new executive board, which was about to take place at the time of this publication (stay tuned for election results).

This year to date Phi Phi has already raised over \$1,000 for The Huntsman Cancer

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Institute, and we expect to compete for the top philanthropic chapter on campus award after we host another successful Derby Days event in the spring. The brotherhood intends

to initiate 20-25 new members during spring rush, making us one of the largest fraternities on campus. Of the 16 graduating seniors, at least eight will be working in finance and four more will be pursuing higher degrees of education in fields such as law and medicine. Phi Phi would like to extend a special thanks to those alumni who have been influential in providing advice and guidance to active members seeking full-time employment.