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A Man of
Good Character.....

A Student of
Fair Ability.....

With
Ambitious Purposes.....

A
Congenial Disposition.....

Possessed of
Good Morals.....

Having a
High Sense of Honor and

A Deep Sense of
Personal Responsibility.

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Consul's Corner

The snow-covered blanket that settled over 58 Pinewoods during finals week seemed like the perfect way to end a busy and long semester for the undergraduates. The soothing sight of Troy turning into a winter wonderland really seemed to slow everything down in preparation for winter break - to be rejuvenated come the return of our 86 brothers to 58 Pinewoods this coming spring semester.



Oskari Rautiainen '15

These past few months, the chapter was buzzing with energy and determination. Right before Thanksgiving, we initiated a pledge class of 26 great men - a feat that took a lot of patience on their end and a lot of work from the actives. It was a logistical mess and everything seemed to be falling apart on us (we found out one week before initiation that our location could no longer host us). But RPI students are no strangers to adversity and challenge. It took a lot of effort from the entire chapter and, at the end of the day, everything was pulled together and we were able to initiate one of the best pledge classes our chapter has seen in recent history. With their passion and the support from their Magister, Brother Louis

Zanette '15, these men will carry the future of our chapter.

The end of the year is always a great opportunity for some serious self reflection. Looking back over this past year, I can honestly say that our chapter has made strides in improving our brotherhood, pledging program, recruitment, chapter operations and our growing public image. We had the biggest and most selective pledge class on our campus largely thanks to our recruitment chairman, Erik Vink-Lainas '16. Our pledge program jumped light years ahead of where it was before, transforming the program into a values based and character building experience. In addition, we had our first serious speaker sponsored by PEF come in the spring and talk about DiSC, thanks largely to our Scholarship Chairman Evan Kaiser '15 and alumnus Larry Heininger '78. This was not by any means a painless effort and these results took countless hours from many brothers to accomplish.

Unfortunately, this past semester we lost our amazing chef, Chris Brunette. He decided that he needed to begin looking for new opportunities to further his career. He had been with the chapter for the last 4 years and it was difficult to imagine not having him with the chapter. He felt as much a part of this chapter and our brotherhood as any brother. Fortunately, we were able to face the challenge and begin cooking for ourselves. Luckily for our taste buds, it was not a significant drop. Brothers Chris Heinbokel '14, Alex Mikelis' 16, Andrew Greenstein '15, our Steward Phil Morreale and a number of others planned our dinners, ordered food and prepared them impeccably. We were still able to enjoy great dinners like bacon covered filet mignon, seasoned scallops, coconut pasta, and chicken cordon bleu.



In Hoc Signo Vinces

Consul's Corner

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The beginning of a new year also marks new opportunities and new challenges. Our chapter is in a much better place today than it was a year ago, but we still have a long trip ahead of us. Over the 4 years I have been a brother, our chapter has slowly transformed to be the leaders on this campus. Our success as leaders stems from the men we recruit, educate and share our experiences with. It all comes back to the sense of brotherhood that awed us during recruitment. Brotherhood does not mean you sit around and drink beers on a Saturday night or take an extravagant spring break trip. It is a shared bond among men of different backgrounds, beliefs, places and eras based on common life-directing commitments. This brotherhood is stronger than friendship and is what binds us together past our college days. It is possible to be a social Fraternity without having to be one of the many sited in the news recently for alcohol related deaths, drug problems, sexual assaults and hazing. Not enough light is shined on the chapters, like ours, that do things the right way and make us proud to be Sigma Chis. These are challenging times to be in a fraternity, but challenge and adversity will separate the real fraternities from the "frats" and where leaders of men shine.

It has been a great year for Delta Psi and I know next year will be even better. Thank you for all the support throughout this year and happy holidays from all the brothers at 58 Pinewoods Avenue.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,
Oskari Rautiainen '15
Consul



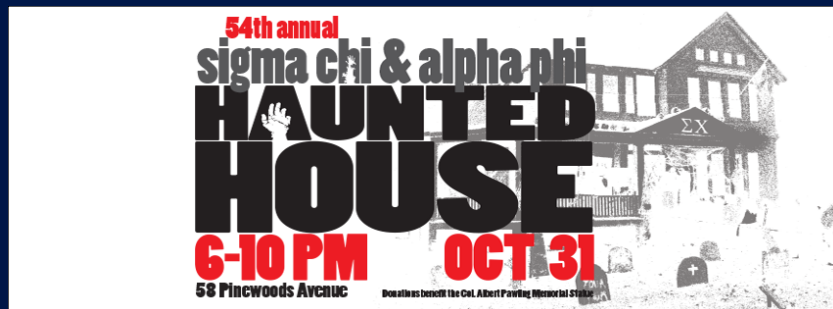
From the left: Newly-Initiated Brother Matt Cornell '18, Consul Oskari Rautiainen '15, and Chapter Adviser Bob Eckart '73

Newly-Initiated Brothers



Our 26 Newly-Initiated Brothers holding up their Magister, Louis Zanette '15

54th Annual Haunted House



This year was the 54th annual Haunted House! The event was co-hosted with Alpha Phi, who were extraordinarily helpful throughout the planning process as well as during the event, making everything run very smoothly. This year we raised over \$250 from donations! The money raised went towards the Colonel Albert Pawling Memorial Statue Project. The statue is planned to be built on the corner of Congress Street and Pawling Ave. We loved being able to give back to the community in which we live!

In Hoc Signo Vincas,
Jon Tiller '16
Philanthropy Chairman

Community Service



Raking leaves at Chris Gribbin's house

The Delta Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi continued one of its time honored traditions this past November – the annual Pinewoods Fall Leaf Rake. As has happened in previous years, the brotherhood gave back to the community by raking the leaves of many of the neighboring houses. Though we experienced a few setbacks, ranging from inclement weather to scheduling conflicts, we managed to finish raking the lawns of several dozen of the surrounding lawns. Many of our neighbors expressed their gratitude, including Cary Dresher, the Dean of Off Campus Commons for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

In addition to the Pinewoods Fall Leaf Rake, close to a dozen brothers and our current Chapter Sweetheart, Beth Conte, drove out to help out an alumnus, Chris Gribbin. Though not one of our immediate neighbors, we have, for the past few years, traveled to help rake the leaves of our brother who no longer can on his own. As always, he welcomed us into his home with open arms. After finishing up his lawn, we were invited to enjoy a home cooked brunch with him and his family.

Community Service is something that I am always willing to volunteer for, which is why I take such pride in my position as Community Service Chair. Encouraging the brotherhood to continue our tradition of giving back to not only our friends and neighbors, but also our alumni, is something I love to do. Seeing the gratitude expressed by those we help makes me believe we are truly impacting and influencing people's lives.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,
JJ Hu '17
Community Service Chairman

A Note From Our Sweetheart



Beth (center) with the Delta Psi Chapter at the Fall 2014 Initiation Banquet

This semester is one that has definitely been one to remember! I have gotten the chance to participate in so many things with the brothers, one of the most memorable being something as simple as raking leaves. I went with the brothers to help out alumnus and previous chapter advisor, Chris Gribbin, and his family. Most of the brothers that went volunteered and woke up early on a Saturday morning to rake the leaves of a brother that they have never met before and that only three of them had done in years past. It was amazing to see them do that for a brother in need.

A longstanding tradition of the Sweetheart is to make the new brothers their first set of letters. With help from the other chapter lavaliers, I had the honor of giving the 26 new brothers their letters. This was our way of welcoming them into the family that we all had the opportunity to be welcomed into before. I love seeing everyone come together as a family to welcome these new brothers, and on a daily basis, come together for dinner that brothers take the time to make for each other.

The weekend before Thanksgiving, I got a few girlfriends together to make dinner while the brotherhood was in chapter meeting. We had turkey and stuffing, family recipes for mashed potatoes and green bean casserole and more! Friends and girlfriends were invited, filling the chapter room with music and laughter.

It's moments like these that I'm going to miss when I graduate in the spring and I'm sure the rest of the seniors are going to, also. I didn't think I was going to find a group of friends so close that I would be sad to leave them, never mind a group of 86 men that I look at as my brothers. I am so grateful to have these memories and this amazing brotherhood this holiday season!

Sincerely,
Beth Conte '15
Chapter Sweetheart

Graduating Seniors



Name: Dylan Parker

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Job: Product Design Engineer, Energizer Personal Care

Future plans: Moving to Shelton, CT for work

Chapter involvement: Magister



Name: Chris Heinbokel

Major: Industrial/Management Engineering (undergraduate),
Business Analytics (graduate)

Job: IT Analyst, Cisco Systems

Future plans: Moving to California for work, then who knows!

Chapter involvement: House Manager, Risk Manager

Campus involvement: President of RPI Flying Club, Phalanx
Honor Society



Name: Nick MarcAurele

Major: Aeronautical Engineering

Job: Engineer, Boeing

Future plans: Moving to Washington DC for work

Chapter involvement: Sports Chairman, Chapter Editor



Name: Louis Zanette III

Major: Biochemistry & Biophysics

Future plans: Medical School Applicant

Chapter involvement: Public Relations Chairman and Magister

Campus involvement: Member of Leadership House, Leadership
Educators Advising Peers (LEAP), Red & White Student Alumni As-
sociation

Derby Days

This year, we have set out to improve upon last year's Derby Days Campaign and make this year a historic year. Our goal is to donate more than \$25,000 to the Huntsman Cancer Institute and have raised almost \$10,000 already! We are looking to expand campus involvement and are also seeking alumni and corporate sponsorships. If you would like to donate, please visit derbychallenge.org and donate to the Sigma Chi Delta Psi team, or contact Cory Sago at csago136@gmail.com. Thank you!

In Hoc Signo Vincas,
Cory Sago '16
Derby Days Chairman, Social Chairman



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Delta Psi Chapter, Alumni and Sigma Chi Events

January 24:	Alumni vs. Active Hockey Game
January 30:	Recruitment Begins
January 31:	Province Workshop
March 7:	Spring Formal
March 23-27:	Spring Break
April 5-11:	Derby Days
April 24:	Relay for Life
May 2:	Initiation



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