February 18th, 2007

New Chapter Development Committee and Executive Committee
Sigma Chi Fraternity, International Headquarters
1714 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, IL

Re: Formal Petition for Installation as a Sigma Chi Chapter

Dear New Chapter Development Committee and Executive Committee,

We, the brothers of the Petitioning Local, Sigma Chi Kappa, are currently prepared to submit to you, the New Chapter Development Committee and Executive Committee of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, our Formal Petition. In the Fall of 2004, our founding members came together to simultaneously break and reform the proverbial mold by creating a new opportunity for brotherhood at Knox College. The reasons for our personal interests in this task, and the sincerity of our steadfastness are responsible for our attainment of this magnificent milestone.

We have successfully accomplished all of the requirements for Installation as described by Expansion section of the Standard Operating Procedures. In this petition, one will find updated information pertaining to our Chapter’s programs and operations. In addition, we have attached letters of support from those we have worked with over the past few years.

We believe in the importance of a well-rounded lifestyle while at college, balancing academics, campus involvement, service, and taking time to relish the opportunities afforded us by college life. For us, as soon to be brothers of Sigma Chi, it is the fusion of all these elements that makes for a complete college experience, and provides each member of our organization with a solid foundation upon which to build a successful life. Although we have achieved so much thus far, our initiative continues to move us forward as we strive to better our Chapter, our community, and ourselves, as we become proud brothers of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recruitment Update


First event: “Bags, buckets, and Blitz”

Our first event consisted of games and snacks. We sent out 21 personal invitations to potential members to get to know the chapter members and each other. We stressed brotherhood at this event and focused on getting to know the recruits. The brothers interacted with the recruits by partaking in the three different games. The teams consisted of one member and one recruit. We used this event as a tool to get a feel of the recruits and what they were looking for in a fraternity. At the end of the event, we had a raffle and each recruit received a prize. We showed them what brotherhood is about; the closeness between the members and friendships that we have with one another. The brothers felt the first event was a success and that we all got to know the interested recruits.

Second event: “Voodoo Groove”

The second event had a more relaxed atmosphere compared to the first. Like the first event, we sent out invitations to the recruits, this time we sent out 32 versus the 21 from the first event. While we were trying to get to know the recruits, we also answered a lot of questions and concerns regarding our chapter and the national. We served homemade jambalaya and cornbread with non-alcoholic drinks. To go along with the Voodoo theme, we hired a palm reader to predict the recruit’s future. This time, brothers focused more on details regarding the Greek system and requirements of our chapter. Our second event was held after we completed the Mission 365 program. The brothers felt
more confident and apt to answer questions; we all felt that this event was more effective and productive. At this event we were able to figure out which recruits were more interested in Sigma Chi and get a grasp on their feelings toward us and the Greek system.

Each event had a very good turn out. Before each event, the rush chairs went to various buildings around campus and posted fliers to advertise. At the beginning of each event, we had the recruits fill out a questionnaire (name, major, contact information, extracurricular activities, and a personality question). The recruits and brothers developed friendships that would eventually lead to brotherhood. Mission 365 provided us with the tools and skills to take on the challenge of recruitment. At the end of each, we tallied up the questionnaires filled out and each time there were more questionnaires than invitations given out, showing how much interest there is in Sigma Chi.

Requirements for Membership:

- All potential members must uphold the minimum standards stated in the Jordan Standard
- A student of good academic standing, averaging above 2.9 per term
- Active and leadership in extracurricular activities
- Socially Active, charismatic and friendly

Recruitment Chairs:

Samuel P. L. Jarvis and Nishanth Dittakavi
**Pledge Education Update**

Our Pledge Education Program closely follows the 6-week program of the Magister’s Guide. In addition to the material from the *Norman Shield*, the pledge class will also participate in a weekly activity: Jordan Trail, off-campus brotherhood event, event with a sorority, etc. The overall purpose of the program is for the pledges to learn about Sigma Chi and to assimilate them into the Chapter.

**Preparation for Brotherhood-Program Outline**

**Week 1:**
- Pinning Ceremony
  - Pledge Commitment Statement
  - Norman Shields, Journals, Pins distributed by Big Brother
  - Journal Assignment #1: Why did you choose Sigma Chi? What do you want to get out of it? Why did you choose to go Greek?

**Week 2:**
- Ice Breaker Activity
  - Discussion of first journal assignment
  - Fill out pledge forms
  - Calendar of events
  - Pledge Assignment #1: Founding, Jordan Standard, Creed, Two Founders
  - Journal Assignment #2: What does Jordan Standard mean to you?

**Week 3:**
- Quiz #1: Founding, Jordan Standard, Creed, Two Founders
  - Discuss: Founding, Jordan Standard, Creed, Two Founders, Journal Entries
  - Elect Officers
  - Pledge Event Planning
  - Pledge Assignment #2: Two Founders, Spirit, Motto, Badge, Seal, Purpose
  - Journal Assignment #3: As an undergraduate, what do you want to contribute to the chapter?
  - Jordan Trail

**Week 4:**
- Quiz #2: Two Founders, Spirit, Motto, Badge, Seal, Purpose
  - Discuss: Two Founders, Spirit, Motto, Badge, Seal, Purpose
  - Pledge and Brother Retreat at House or Off-Campus
  - Pledge Assignment #3: Three Founders, Ritual, General Fraternity Programs, Legal Entities
  - Journal Assignment #4: Who is your favorite Founder and why?

**Week 5:**
- Quiz #3: Three Founders, Ritual, General Frat. Programs, Legal Entities
  - Discuss: Three Founders, Ritual, General Fraternity Programs, Legal Entities, Undergraduate Chapter
  - Fun or Service Activity with Sorority
  - Review for Final Exam

**Week 6:** Final Exam
**Scholarship Update**

In the Fall of 2005, our Chapter was built upon a minimum GPA standard of a 2.9 per term for all members. After two and a half years we have maintained this standard and continually remained as number one for average GPA amongst the Fraternities. Our scholarship programs focus mostly on tutoring and encouraging each other and most importantly members who are having trouble academically. It is our intention to maintain these standards, programs, and remain as the best fraternity on campus in regards to academic excellence.

**Campus Involvement Update**

Our membership is well known for being actively involved in campus activities. A few examples of the organizations we participate and provide leadership for are: College Radio Station, Pre-Health Club, Chemistry Club, Varsity and Club Sports, Student Senate, College Jazz Combo, Theatre, Resident Advisor, International Club, and Habitat for Humanity. This wide range of activities represents our representation of *The Spirit of Sigma Chi*. 
20 February 2007

Sigma Chi International Headquarters
P.O. Box 469
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Re: Sigma Chi Colonization at Knox College

Dear Colleagues at Sigma Chi:

It is difficult at times to imagine that almost two years have passed since a group of men first approached me about the possibility of a new fraternity at Knox College. Our initial conversations were candid, challenging, and filled with potential. It was not lost on me that Knox College had the oldest Greek chapter in Illinois in Beta Theta Pi. Nor was it lost on me that our Greek system, like so many, had contracted in numbers and had not expanded in some 70-80 years. The challenges facing this august group of men were substantial and yet it was clear from the onset that these men were not only prepared to navigate faculty bylaws from the 1800s but had found in one another a dream that all felt worthy of pursuing.

The men who became known as “KPO” have been a part of a unique and very special Greek renaissance at Knox College. Months after the establishment of KPO, a group of first-year women came forward to establish their own Greek letter society. Today, we prepare for the March 2006 installation of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Collectively, the Knox Greeks are growing at a pace that few found possible while nurturing newly-found academic strength and excellence.

This academic excellence is very much a tribute to the role that KPO-Sigma Chi has played at Knox. From its onset KPO spoke to a level of academic excellence that existing chapters found as foreign. And yet, because of KPO’s efforts, the existing chapters at Knox revisited their own academic standards in response to the “new kids on the block.”

But academic excellence was only a part of KPO’s unfolding story. Soon, KPO was visibly distinguishing itself as one of our campus philanthropic leaders and recruiting a level of intellectual, social, and cultural diversity that was fast gaining the attention of faculty, staff, and students at Knox. And just before KPO’s formal expansion efforts, KPO announced that one of Knox’s truly exceptional faculty legends, Prof. Lance Factor, who hold a distinguished endowed chair in philosophy, agreed to formally advise these men based on what he defined as “their academic integrity and focus, which was reminiscent of our colonial academic societies.”
The formal expansion, which resulted in the selection of Sigma Chi, was not without stress and challenge. As was expected, a great many national fraternities had expressed an interest in Knox College. The men of KPO, in typical fashion, researched national fraternities extensively and considered the merits of Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Chi. In the end, the decision was almost anticlimactic as KPO found a synergy or what I can best define as an organizational attraction to Sigma Chi based on values, history, tradition, life of the mind, and the collegiate education of gentlemen. Theirs was a unanimous and immediate call for association with the men of Sigma Chi.

Today, KPO-Sigma Chi stands as an equal to our historical societies with Beta Theta Pi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, and Sigma Nu. Together the chapters enjoyed one of the most successful formal recruitment seasons that has taken place at Knox in the past 20 years. Each and every chapter is distinctive; no two are remotely similar and, collectively, every man at Knox can find a home within our chapters. KPO-Sigma Chi, now settled in their renovated house, continues to move forward with unbridled passion, dedication, and continued academic excellence.

The Greek renaissance at Knox owes a great deal to the men of KPO-Sigma Chi. Because of their expansion efforts, indeed because of their dream, KPO-Sigma Chi marshaled in a new era for Greeks at Knox. The men are now actively involved in all facets of campus leadership, but most notably within the Interfraternity Council and other campus organizations.

It is without reservation and with great enthusiasm that I recommend the men of KPO-Sigma Chi to you at Sigma Chi International for formal colonization and to become an active ongoing chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity. They move forward with the full support of the Knox college administration and Board of Trustees. We support their efforts fully and for the long term.

My colleagues at Sigma Chi, these men are more than ready for this exciting new period of their lives. I encourage you at Sigma Chi to move forward with these dynamic young men formally known as “KPO.”

Fraternally yours,

Xavier E. Romano
Vice President for Student Development
& Dean of Students
Chi Psi, Oregon ’82
February 20, 2007

New Chapter Development Committee and Executive Committee
Sigma Chi International
1714 Hinman Ave.
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Dear Sirs:

I write to submit a personal endorsement for the men at Knox College who have requested a charter from Sigma Chi International. I have been a faculty advisor to this group for over three years. They have tirelessly worked to bring a new fraternity to the Knox College campus. In addition to desiring the benefits of a convivial brotherhood they have, from the outset, pursued the highest standards of academic achievement and of dedicated community service. They want to be an example of what is best in a fraternal organization, and in my opinion their petition for a charter from Sigma Chi demonstrates their commitment to join a quality organization. After exploring and interviewing different fraternities they chose Sigma Chi, and now we have a group of 35 men ready for initiation. Given our small campus this is a sizeable number. It speaks to the reputation of Sigma Chi and it bodes well for the future.

I am confident that a charter for a Knox College chapter will initiate a long period of mutual benefit.

I am happy to respond to further questions at my office phone (309) 341-7473.

Sincerely yours,

R. Lance Factor
Professor of Philosophy and Chair
Advisor Sigma Chi

RLF/slj
February 22, 2007

New Chapter Development Committee
Executive Committee
Sigma Chi Fraternity
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Brothers:

This letter is to express our unqualified support of the Colony at Knox Collage in Galesburg, Illinois. Our Alumni Chapter has been involved with the petitioning group for several months. We have participated in a seminar with their leadership team at Headquarters last year, and enjoyed having their president at one of our monthly luncheons.

The strength of this group is evidenced by their scholarship, stewardship, and service. They acquired a house, had it renovated and subsequently purchased by the University. They have continued and persisted in their quest of becoming the newest Chapter in Sigma Chi. Our group looks forward to participating in the installation, progress and development in the future.

We believe the Colony at Knox Collage in Galesburg is ready to be initiated into our brotherhood. We look forward to May 12th when we can assist in making that a reality.

In hoc,

/s/  Jack Chapin

John N. Chapin, Jr., Tau Tau 1955
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