

Upcoming Events
 Homecoming Celebration
 October 28th and 29th
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 Alumni Chapter Meeting & Brunch
 10:30 Epsilon Sigma Nu House

The
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NEWS



Newly Initiated Knights

EΣ #	Name	Hometown
EΣ 1230	Rob McCleary	Bartlett, TN
EΣ 1231	Bud Richey	Alexandria, LA
EΣ 1232	Brannin Webber (PCP)	Burlington, NC
EΣ 1233	David Bultena	Little Rock, AR
EΣ 1234	Ben Chappell	Memphis, TN
EΣ 1235	Luis Milburn	Stafford, VA
EΣ 1236	Michael Pabst	New Orleans, LA
EΣ 1237	Sam Trenner	Goodlettsville, TN
EΣ 1238	Dan Venker	St. Louis, MO

Greetings from the Active Chapter

Dear Brother,

I once again have the pleasure of greeting you in the latest edition of the Epsilon Sigma Sigma News, and I am overjoyed to let you know that, so far, 2016 has been an amazing year for Epsilon Sigma. Firstly, at the 67th Annual Grand Chapter that took place in San Diego, California Epsilon Sigma was one of eleven chapters from around the nation to be honored with the highest award a chapter can receive: [Rock Chapter](#). At the local level, EΣ won Fraternity of the Year and Brother Sam Jordan won Greek Man of the Year. Seven candidates were made into Knights at the end of the Spring semester, and Bud Richey and Rob McCleary, were initiated into EΣ at the 80th Anniversary Celebration in April. The Chapter stands strong with 60 brothers, and we all cordially invite you to attend an Alumni Chapter Meeting and Brunch that will take place at the EΣ House during Homecoming on October 29th.

Love, Truth, and Honor,

Will Clinton EΣ 1219

Alumni Relations Chairman

80th Anniversary Celebration

On April 8th and 9th, over sixty alumni made the journey to Memphis to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the construction of our beloved Chapter House. Throughout the event, active members and alumni were able to meet and make connections that will hopefully last years. To kick off the festivities, Bud Richey and Rob McCleary were both initiated as brothers of Epsilon Sigma Sigma Nu! The following night, alumni were treated to a wonderful Wild Game Cookout thanks to Bud Richey, Rob Browne and many others. Active members led alumni on tours around the campus and shared stories of their respective adventures at Rhodes. A tribute to Goodbar Morgan was held and memories of our brothers in Chapter Eternal were shared around the White Oak of Epsilon Sigma. The White Rose Banquet, held in the beautiful McCallum Ballroom, ended the festivities. During the banquet, numerous speakers revealed a stellar plan of action to restore the House to its glory and detailed the trajectory of Epsilon Sigma heading into the 2016-2017 school year and beyond.



Housing Corporation Pres. Jim Durham at the White Rose Banquet



Remembering Brothers at the White Oak of Sigma Nu



Brothers working together during the Wild Game Dinner

Message from the Eminent Commander

Two-Thousand and Sixteen has been very exciting for Epsilon Sigma so far, and as Commander I could not be prouder of the progress the chapter has made. From earning our first ever Rock Chapter award at Grand Chapter this summer in San Diego, to being the only IFC fraternity at Rhodes to take pledges from the upper classes this fall in the face of the challenge presented by deferred first year rush, Epsilon Sigma continues to show great initiative in all of its actions and leads by example on our campus and in our community. Thanks to the tireless support of our alumni network and Housing Corporation, we have made numerous improvements to our chapter lodge that set us on a great path towards future refurbishments. As of now, our archive room is in full use as a brotherhood and educational space, our porch has been completely replaced with one that will prevent leaks and structural damage, and our basement has been waterproofed to reduce the risk of water damage and mold. With all these important steps behind us, we need your help to take the next. In order to fully restore our basement to working use, which will allow us to dedicate more areas of the house to education and create spaces in which brothers want to spend more of their time, we are kicking off a Homecoming Fundraising Campaign to raise the \$8,000 we need. You will receive further messages on how to contribute, and information regarding the campaign and the future of Epsilon Sigma. Thank you for all your support to this point, and we hope to repay your constant good faith with further commitment to excellence.

Fraternally,
Joseph Ozment ΕΣ 1184
Eminent Commander

Before and After the Fall 2016 Porch Renovation



Philanthropy Update

As members of Sigma Nu, we always strive to live by our values: love, truth and honor. In order to better live by these values, our chapter has placed a continued emphasis on philanthropy and service over the past year. Last semester, we held our second annual Luau Fest in partnership with Delta Delta Delta sorority. This event featured live music and good to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We also participated in the Relay for Life by hosting a corn hole station, helping the Rhodes Relay for Life team raise over \$7,250, more than twice what the team raised the previous year. In addition, we helped the Kinney program on campus with their annual Rites to Play event, a festival that invites local children to enjoy carnival style games and activities on the weekend of Rites of Spring. We look to continue building onto our service and philanthropy initiatives in the coming year.

Fraternally,

Sam Jordan EΣ

Philanthropy Chair



Alumni and Active Brothers of the Chapter came together on August 26, 2016 after a long summer apart. Both the fraternal company and a wonderful meal prepared by Brother Bud Richey were greatly enjoyed!



Faculty Advisor's Report

Dear Brothers,

Warm fraternal greetings! My hope is this finds each and every one doing well. Before getting into the task at hand ... providing an update on Epsilon Sigma ... I hope to see you at upcoming events of the college to include Homecoming (October 28-30) and Cajunfest (November 5). Please do your best to attend.

Much has happened since my last column for the newsletter. In April, the Chapter celebrated the 80th anniversary of the construction of the house. The Chapter had a fine spring with their semesterly academic average of 3.26 being above the all men's average and second among men's fraternities. At the Grand Chapter this summer, Epsilon Sigma was presented the "Rock Chapter" award which is the highest distinction that can be earned by Sigma Nu Chapters.

The students of the chapter are engaged in campus life and leading on several fronts. Rhodes has moved to a deferred recruitment model which has the effect of freshman students being ineligible to pledge Greek organizations. In the absence of any IFC rush structure, Epsilon Sigma held recruitment activities over a several day period and pledged seven sophomores and juniors as new candidates. I don't mind telling you I really like that sense of initiative our undergraduate Brothers took in adding these new fellows to the ranks!

You will hear more about this, but the House Corporation is working closely with the Chapter, the Alumni Chapter, and the College to enhance the house. Unless something is missed, you will be asked to make a donation to the effort. My hope is that you will do so. The Chapter has worked hard and continues to do so. The Corporation and Alumni Chapter share a vision of restoring the house to its earlier days. Give as generously as you can.

On a personal front, I was deeply touched in the spring of the year to be initiated into the bonds of Epsilon Sigma. This was made even more special to be inducted alongside Rob McCleary.

Do your best to get to the upcoming events. Meet the young fellows holding the Epsilon Sigma banner. They are making us all proud.

Fraternally,

Bud Richey
HZ 169, A 260, EΣ 1231

To Believe in the Life of Love, to Walk in the Way of Honor, to Serve in the Light of Truth

This is the Life, the Way, and the Light of Sigma Nu.

This is the Creed of our Fraternity