

Upcoming Events

Fish Fry
 February 12th
Epsilon Sigma 80th
Anniversary Celebration
 April 8th & 9th

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Greetings from the Active Chapter

Dear Brother,

I have the honor of addressing you in this newsletter, and I am happy to let you know that the Fall of 2015 was another great semester for Epsilon Sigma. Recruitment was strong with twelve new members initiated this past semester. This brings the current total of the Active Chapter to 60 brothers. On the academic front, the overall GPA of the chapter increased from last spring's 3.26 to a stellar 3.28! Small improvements are constantly being made to the house thanks to the hard work of brothers, and larger improvements are on the horizon. The active chapter is working with the Housing Corporation to finalize the House Improvement Plan. The 80th Anniversary Celebration on April 8th and 9th is shaping up to be an event that you will not want to miss! I hope to see you there.

Fraternally,

Will Clinton EΣ 1219

Alumni Relations Chairman

Newly Initiated Knights

EΣ 1218	Noah Coomer (PCP)	Hendersonville, TN
EΣ 1219	Will Clinton	Brownsville, TN
EΣ 1220	Alex Coughlin	McDonough, GA
EΣ 1221	Chris Figueroa	Chicago, IL
EΣ 1222	Christian Hain	Edwardsville, IL
EΣ 1223	Davis Howe	Memphis, TN
EΣ 1224	Darby Larson	Raleigh, NC
EΣ 1225	Brennan Newton	Pass Christian, MS
EΣ 1226	Cuatro Rohde	San Antonio, TX
EΣ 1227	Steven Sferrazza	Tampa, FL
EΣ 1228	Zach Thornton	Lexington, KY



Philanthropy Update

As members of Sigma Nu, we are always striving to espouse the values of Love, Truth, and Honor. Service to others is integral to living a life centered in these values. As such, our chapter has placed a major emphasis on bolstering our service and philanthropy efforts over the past year. To encourage participation in community service, we implemented a requirement of 6 service hours for each brother. This has been extremely successful, helping us to complete over 1,500 hours of service in 2015. To help brothers complete these hours, we have partnered with Rhodes College's community service program, the Kinney Program, to co-sponsor service events at the Ronald McDonald House. These events have not only provided excellent opportunities to serve the community, but have also provided brothers the chance to reflect on the importance of service to the community.

We have worked hard to increase our philanthropy initiatives over in the past year as well. Through a partnership with the Delta Delta Delta Sorority at Rhodes, we held the first annual Luau Fest, an event featuring live music and food trucks to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We also participated in Relay for Life. In addition, many brothers in the chapter supported GlobeMed, a national, student-led, non-profit organization focused on combatting global health inequity, in their Annual 5K Run to raise money for clean-water filtration systems in rural Nicaragua. In the fall, our major philanthropy event was the Virgil Starks Benefit, an event held to raise money for a scholarship in honor of Virgil Starks, an honored graduate of the Epsilon Sigma chapter who went on to become the Senior Associates Athletics Director at Auburn University. We hope to continue to build on many of these first time events to continue building our service and philanthropy efforts in 2016.

Sam Jordan EΣ 1178

Philanthropy Chair



Brothers at the ΣN Co-Sponsored Kinney Gala



Brothers headed to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Brother Spotlight

A member of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Nu, Eric Jones, was chosen to enter the Finalist round of the 2016 Best of College & High School Photography. Jones, class of 2016, was chosen from a pool of 14,000 submissions to Photographer's Forum magazine of both college and high school photographers in both the United States of America and Canada.

Established in 1977, Photographer's Forum magazine is an award-winning quarterly publication dedicated to quality reproduction of photography in the United States and Canada. Each issue strives to facilitate communication and publication experience among emerging professionals.

Jones will soon find out whether he was awarded an Honorable Mention or within the top four photographers of all 14,000 submissions. His photograph was ranked within the College category of the 2016 Spring Photography Contest.

We at the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Nu are incredibly proud of our extremely talented brother, and wish him well during the judges' deliberations. We know that no matter the decision, we have real talent residing within our chapter.

Jacob Hill EΣ 1206

Lt. Commander



Faculty Advisor's Report

Dear Brother,

Fraternal greetings! I am privileged to serve as the Faculty Advisor for Epsilon Sigma and pleased to provide a quick update on my view of how Epsilon Sigma is doing.

Epsilon Sigma is on stable ground with its total membership level of 60 men. College officials are working with leaders of fraternities and sororities as we move to a recruitment system which defers pledging of freshman students until the second semester. Given the Chapter's success in recruiting during spring semesters and pledging sophomores over the last several years, my thinking is that Epsilon Sigma is well postured to succeed in recruiting new members moving forward.

The chapter had a fine fall semester in scholarship with a grade point average of 3.28 placing second among men's fraternities (PiKA grades averaged 3.29), above the all men's average (3.22), but below the all student average of 3.3.

Going quickly to several areas ... Regarding financial concerns, the Chapter overspent its house line item by \$2000 in the fall term. This contributed to an operating loss which will be rectified in this semester. Brothers are still engaged in service and campus leadership positions. The Commander reports that attendance at chapter meetings is high, importance is being placed on Ritual and values, and "brothers are just finding time for the fraternity" which results in their participation in informal events which are essentially members only activities.

Details are still being shelled out by the undergraduate and alumni chapters, but it appears likely I will be cooking for a fish fry in February and a wild game dinner in April. Beyond enjoying tasty food, you will meet our fine undergraduate brothers holding the banner for Epsilon Sigma. There are terrific fellows in the chapter and I can only see good coming out of your coming to know them. I certainly hope to see you at one or both of these events.

Fraternally,

Bud Richey
HZ 169, A 260



The newly refurbished archive room