



**Sigma Nu Fraternity**

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# **Commanders' Dinner Webinar**

December 16, 2021



# Today's Presenters

- **Todd Denson (Nicholls State)**
- **Bill Geddy (Georgia Southern)**
- **Kyle Lee (Eastern New Mexico)**
- **Kevin Kedzior (Northern Illinois)**

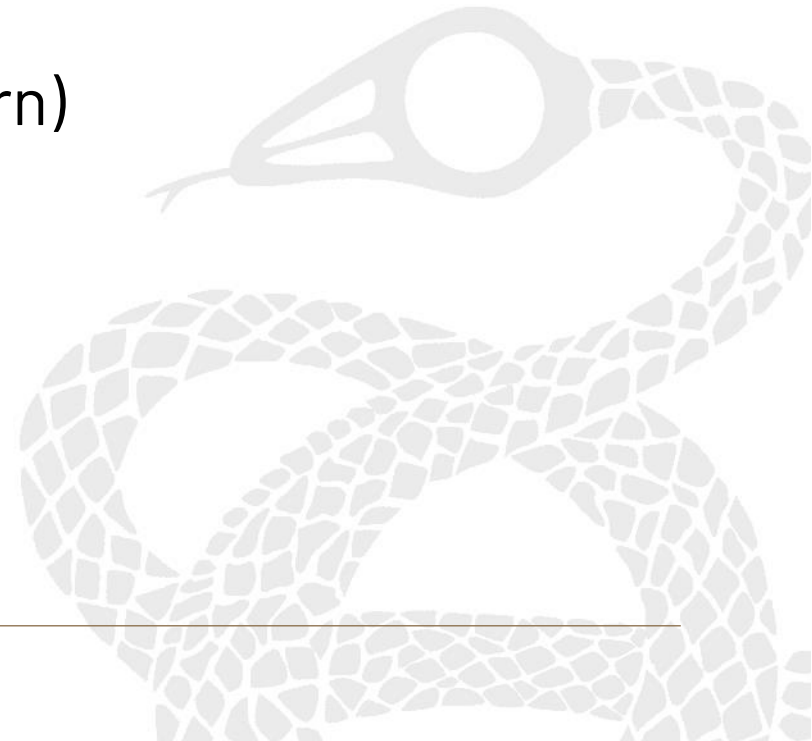


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Presented by:

Bill Geddy (Georgia Southern)



# Theta Kappa Chapter




- Recognition of Mu – We're not, but they are!
- KISS – Keep it simple
- Make the date predictable
- Make it sustainable
- Make it interesting
- Make it memorable



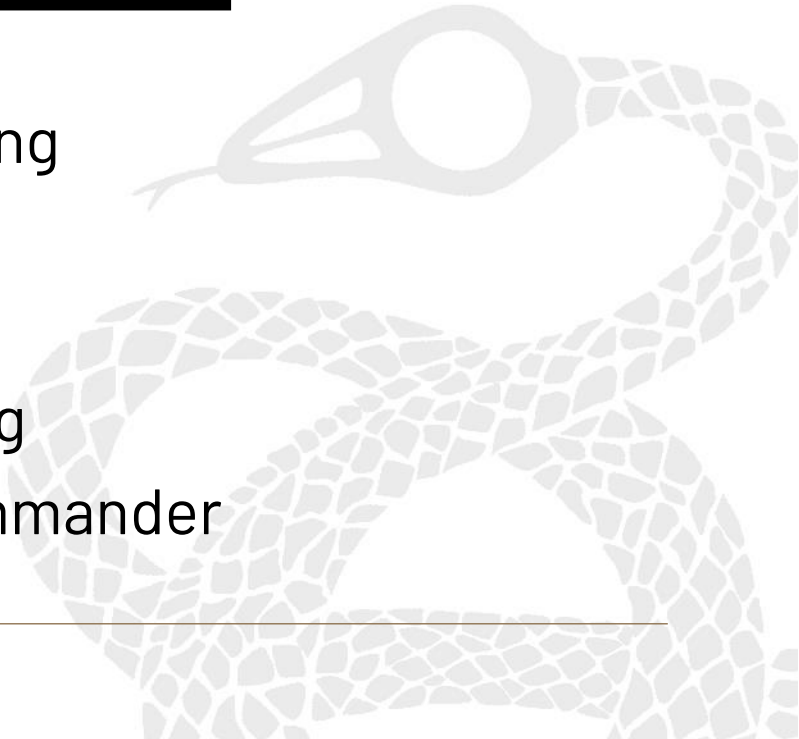
# Theta Kappa Chapter



- Make it an honor to attend
  - Make it valuable (Commander/Chapter/Alumni)
  - Make it self-funded
  - Make it so others want to attend
  - Make it the centerpiece of communications
  - Don't Reinvent – Make it your own – Make it Special
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# Theta Kappa Chapter

- Taking it forward – Making it Last
  - Who to Invite
  - Pre & Post Color Handout
  - Professional Photographer
  - Recognizing Chapter Eternal – Empty Table Setting
  - Reenactment of Oath of Office – DO IT again
  - Gavel & Block
  - Pinning of New Commander – Recognize Outgoing
  - Comments – Outgoing, In-Coming, Advice to Commander



# Theta Kappa Chapter

- Commander & Lt. Commander from Chapter (Welcome)
- Immediate Past Commander (Recognize)
- All past Chapter Commanders
- All Chapter Volunteers:
  - Alumni Advisory Board
  - House Corporation
  - Alumni Chapter Officers
  - LEAD Facilitators
- Sigma Nu Staff, Division Commander, Foundation, & High Council nearby
- Alumni you want to bestow special recognition





## Sigma Nu Fraternity

Theta Kappa Chapter  
Georgia Southern University

Our Fifth Annual  
**Commander's Dinner**  
to honor our 47th & newest Eminent Commander  
Saturday, January 14, 2017

**Marshall B. Richards**

ΘK 847, Junior, Canton, GA



## Sigma Nu Fraternity

Oath of Office

"I promise upon my honor as a knight and a gentleman, to conform to and abide by THE LAW of SIGMA NU FRATERNITY, orders of the Grand Chapter, the High Council, Executive Director, and the Division Commander of this Division, and the Rules of this Chapter, and to faithfully perform all the duties of the office to which I have been chosen."

## The Theta Kappa Chapter's Fifth Annual Commanders' Dinner

**Purpose:** To meet annually upon the election of the newest commander at Theta Kappa to welcome the new commander, convey the wisdom of our experience, our passion for leadership, our willingness to support and mentor him, the need to protect the brand and name of Theta Kappa and Sigma Nu, and the need to make the right yet sometimes very hard and very unpopular decisions for the good of the chapter and fraternity.

**Objective:** To grow a nucleus of members and servant leaders to the chapter and fraternity that will assist in advising and leading the officers of the Chapter, the Theta Kappa collegiate & alumni chapters, the Theta Kappa House Corporation, and the Theta Kappa Alumni Advisory Board for years to come.

### Points of reflections to pass onto our newest Eminent Commander:

1. Reflect on the challenges and forward movement of the chapter while you lead Theta Kappa to provide insight and perspective on making the right decision and the positive outcome it lead to.
2. What positive traditions did you have or follow as a chapter?
3. Reflect on another collegiate brother who supported and assisted you in your role as commander to propel the positive direction of the chapter.
4. Reflect on an alumnus or advisor who supported and assisted you in your role as commander to propel the positive direction of the chapter.
5. Reflect on the experience and impact that being commander made on your fraternal experience, your family, your career and your life.
6. Reflect on your willingness to mentor and shape our newest leader to avoid past mistakes many of us made, develop a positive leadership ethic, and to sustain the future of the collegiate chapter and our alumni.
7. Share at the dinner and in one-on-one conversations – work with our new commander to positively lead & build a sustainable future for our chapter.

**The years 2017-2020 – our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** This year we begin the start of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. On Friday, November 17, 1967 a group of men, led by Robert Williams, met in Dorman Hall to decide to form a fraternity. The following Spring on Monday, May 6, 1968, we were colonized in Sigma Nu and on Sunday, May 10, 1970, we were chartered as the Theta Kappa Chapter (#171) of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

## Sigma Nu Fraternity – Theta Kappa Chapter (#171) – Commander List

1. Robert G. Williams (Robert) – ØK 258 (1967-1968), Conyers GA (Colony) \*
2. Robert R. Brown (Bob) – ØK 1 (1968-1970), Harlem GA (Colony)
3. Jerry P. Sellers (Jerry) – ØK 2 (1970-1971), Jackson GA (Charter) – Pending Resignation
4. Andrew L. Moscrip (Andy) – ØK 45 (1971-1972), Cocoa Beach FL
5. William R. Barnard (Rodney) – ØK 63 (1972-1972), Savannah GA
6. Bruce H. Hall (Bruce) – ØK 69 (1972-1973), Greenacres FL \*
7. Paul E. Leahy (Paul) – ØK 84 (1973-1974), Franklin TN \*
8. Jon E. Lott (Jon) – ØK 92 (1974-1975), Alma GA \*
9. Jeffrey L. Spatz (Jeff) – ØK 100 (1975-1976), Greensboro NC
10. William A. Hundley, III (Andrew) – ØK 108 (1976-1977), Blythe GA
11. John B. Austin (John) – ØK 120 (1977-1978), Atlanta GA
12. Philip C. Holley (Phil) – ØK 131 (1978-1979), Norcross GA
13. Frank L. Sholtes (Frank) – ØK 139 (1979-1980), Port Orange FL
14. Jimmie D. Walker, Jr. (Jim) – ØK 150 (1980-1982), Roswell GA \*
15. Robert W. Brasington (Robert) – ØK 164 (1982-1982), Mooresburg TN
16. Roger W. McDonald (Roger) – ØK 175 (1982-1983), Vidalia GA
17. James A. Hill (Adam) – ØK 193 (1983-1984), Savannah GA
18. James R. Mullis (Jim) – ØK 195 (1984-1985), Columbus MS
19. William B. Geddy (Bill) – ØK 219 (1985-1988), Macon GA
20. Jeffrey C. Dudley (Jeff) – ØK 201 (1985-1985), Macon GA
21. Thomas P. Houlihan (Tom) – ØK 251 (1988-1989), Suwanee GA
22. Jeffery Kinlaw (Jeff) – ØK 282 (1989-1990), Savannah GA
23. Todd W. Smith (Todd) – ØK 305 (1990-1991), Washington DC \*
24. Eric S. Smith (Scott) – ØK 326 (1991-1992), Ringgold GA
25. Brett C. Kelly (Brett) – ØK 310 (1992-1993), Baltimore MD \*
26. Christopher T. Rogers (Trent) – ØK 363 (1993-1994), Jupiter FL
27. Jason A. Smith (Jason) – ØK 417 (1994-1995), United Kingdom
28. John M. Dowdle (John) – ØK 399 (1995-1996), Jacksonville FL \*
29. William F. Gould (Bill) – ØK 439 (1996-1998), Jupiter FL \*
30. John W. Yarborough, III (John) – ØK 463 (1998-1999), Birmingham AL \*
31. Brian K. Stansfield (Brian) – ØK 524 (1999-2000), Augusta GA \*
32. Frank W. Johnson (Tripp) – ØK 526 (2000-2001), Alpharetta GA
33. David W. Pittman (David) – ØK 528 (2001-2002), Dublin GA
34. Andrew M. Palmer, III (Drew) – ØK 558 (2002-2003), Athens GA
35. R. Gary Foshee, Jr. (Gary) – ØK 560 (2003-2004), Germany
36. Jamie N. Bragg (James) – ØK 600 (2004-2005), Bremen GA
37. Bruce W. Evans (Wilkes) – ØK 607 (2005-2006), Perry GA
38. Kevin A. Wigley (Kevin) – ØK 625 (2006-2006), Smyrna GA
39. David L. Little (David) – ØK 671 (2008-2009), Kennesaw GA (Colony)
40. Tyler D. Elder (Tyler) – ØK 694 (2009-2010), Lawrenceville GA (Charter)
41. James S. Mobley (Scott) – ØK 710 (2010-2011), Athens GA
42. Expelled
43. Evan P. Winebarger (Evan) – ØK 754 (2013-2013), Lexington VA
44. Eric D. Degen (Eric) – ØK 811 (2013-2014), Canton GA
45. Adam F. Clay (Adam) – ØK 810 (2014-2015), Statesboro GA
46. Zachary A. Geurin (Zach) – ØK 823 (2015-2016), Alpharetta GA
47. Marshall B. Richards (Marshall) – ØK 847 (2016-2017), Canton GA

\* Indicates years we are looking for a chapter composite to digitize.

## Mark your Calendar with the Theta Kappa Chapter's Calendar & Upcoming Dates

### 2017

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣΝ) 147th Anniversary  
01/02 Commander's Conference  
01/14 5th Commanders' Dinner\*\*  
01/20 Aspen Snow Party Social  
01/20 Snursday Pre-Game Social  
02/04 Sigma Nu Institute -Nashville  
02/05 Super Bowl Party Social  
02/11 Sigma Nu Institute -Tampa  
02/16 Tour de Franzia Social  
02/18 Sigma Nu Institute-ATL Ga Tech  
02/18 Sigma Nu AAB-Chapter Meeting  
02/24 Rave Social  
02/28 ZTA Social  
02/28 ΑΔΠ Social  
03/11 GSU Spring Break (11-19)  
03/19 Leadership Consultant (19-20)  
03/25 Woodstock Party  
03/31 Parents' Weekend (31-02) \*\*  
04/01 AAB 2nd Spring Meeting  
04/02 Possible HC Meeting \*\*  
04/07 White Rose Formal (07-09)  
04/12 ThK Island Party (12-02)  
04/12 Alumni Panel: All Chapter LEAD \*\*  
04/15 Blue-White Spring Game  
04/30 Last Chapter Meeting  
04/27 Atlanta Honorary Board \*\*  
05/06 Theta Kappa Colony – 49 Years  
05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 47 Years  
05/10 Toast our 47th Anniversary  
06/10 AAB Summer Meeting \*\*  
06/11 NRD Recruitment ATL \*\*  
08/12 1st Fall AAB Meeting  
08/14 First Day of Classes 2017  
09/02 GSU at Auburn  
09/19 GSU vs New Hampshire  
09/23 GSU at Indiana  
09/30 2nd Fall AAB Meeting  
10/22 GSU at UMass  
10/28 GA-FL in Jacksonville (27-29)  
11/01 35th Anniversary of the Black & Gold  
11/14 31 Years since 1986 Alumni Initiation  
11/17 ΘΚ Founder's Day (1967) – 50 Years  
12/02 SEC Championship

### 2018

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣΝ) 149th Anniversary  
01/13 6th Commanders' Dinner\*\*  
05/06 Theta Kappa Colony – 50 Years  
05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 48 Years  
09/01 GSU vs Presbyterian  
09/08 GSU vs UMass  
09/15 GSU at Clemson  
09/22 GSU at Kent State  
11/10 Theta Kappa 1000<sup>th</sup> Initiate  
11/17 ΘΚ Founder's Day (1967) – 51 Years

### 2019

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣΝ) 150th Anniversary  
01/19 7th Commanders' Dinner\*\*  
05/06 Theta Kappa Colony – 51 Years  
05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 49 Years  
08/31 GSU at LSU  
09/14 GSU at Minnesota  
09/21 GSU vs Kent State  
11/11 30 Years since the House Dedication  
11/17 ΘΚ Founder's Day (1967) – 52 Years

### 2020

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣΝ) 151st Anniversary  
01/18 8th Commanders' Dinner\*\*  
04/18 Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend  
05/06 Theta Kappa Colony– 52 Years  
05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 50 Years  
09/14 GSU vs Florida Atlantic  
09/26 GSU vs Houston  
11/17 ΘΚ Founder's Day (1967) – 53 Years

### 2021

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣΝ) 152nd Anniversary  
01/16 9th Commanders' Dinner\*\*  
05/06 Theta Kappa Colony– 53 Years  
05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 51 Years  
09/04 GSU at Houston  
09/25 GSU at Florida Atlantic  
11/17 ΘΚ Founder's Day (1967) – 54 Years

Founding Day: November 17, 1967  
Colonization of Chapter: May 6, 1968  
Chapter's Chartering: May 10, 1970  
House Dedication: November 11, 1989  
\*\*Planned date but tentative schedule

For the most up-to-date calendar of events visit our website at [www.SigmaNuGSU.com/dates](http://www.SigmaNuGSU.com/dates).



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Anthony B. Fair, ØK 9, Advisor Emeritus, Honoree

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William H. Griffin, Jr., ØK 25, House Corporation

*Thomas P. Houlihan*  
Thomas P. Houlihan, ØK 251, Commander (1988-89)

*Ralph E. Hogan II*  
Ralph E. Hogan II, ØK 244, House Corporation President

*Edward G. Hurst*  
Edward G. Hurst, ØK 250, Alumni Relations Advisor

*Evan P. Vachelsinger*  
Evan P. Vachelsinger, ØK 764, Commander (2013)

*Eric D. Degen*  
Eric D. Degen, ØK 811, Commander (2013-14)

*Marshall H. Richards*  
Marshall H. Richards, ØK 847, Commander (2016-17)

*R. Michael Barry*  
R. Michael Barry, M 2071, UGATF Hopkins

*Bradley L. Hastings*  
Bradley L. Hastings, ØK 688, UWG, Foundation

*James H. McInnis*  
James H. McInnis, ØK 5, Alumni Extraordinary

*John B. Austin*  
John B. Austin, ØK 120, Commander (1977-78)

*William D. Walker, Jr.*  
William D. Walker, Jr., ØK 129, Commander (1980-82)

*William B. Gentry*  
William B. Gentry, ØK 218, Advisor, Commander (1985-88)

*Erie S. Moore*  
Erie S. Moore, ØK 273, Recruitment Advisor

*Brent E. Myers*  
Brent E. Myers, ØK 295, Recruitment Advisor

*Alan P. Clay*  
Alan P. Clay, ØK 819, Commander (2014-15)

*Zachary A. Geurin*  
Zachary A. Geurin, ØK 823, Commander (2015-16)

*George Hamlin*  
G. Conner Hamlin, ØK 875, Lt. Commander (2016-17)

*Joseph M. Gilman*  
Joseph M. Gilman, R 29, McVie State, Past Regent, Foundation

*Z. Andrew Fariss*  
Z. Andrew Fariss, ØK 3, Charter Member

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# ROCK CHAPTER!

THETA KAPPA CHAPTER AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN  
WINS COVETED AWARD FOR THE 2014-16 BIENNIUM  
#4 IN THE NATION • WED., JUNE 29, 2016 • 67<sup>TH</sup> GRAND CHAPTER

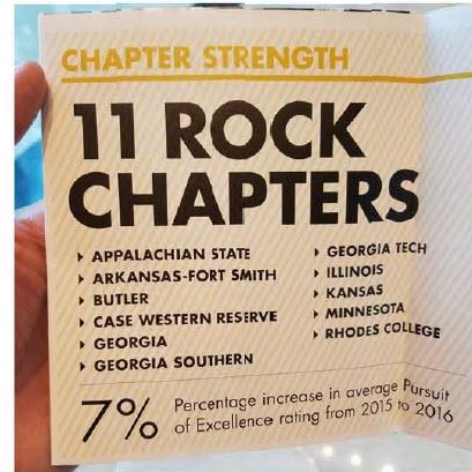
THETA KAPPA ON TRACK WITH GREAT MOMENTUM & TRAJECTORY – COME CELEBRATE!



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# Theta Kappa Chapter

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# Theta Sigma Commanders' Luncheon

Presented by:

Kyle Lee (Eastern New Mexico)





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# Sigma Nu Theta Sigma Chapter Missouri State University

*Commanders' Luncheon Overview*





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## Commanders' Luncheon Overview

- *Goals of the event are*
  - Engage alumni
  - Share knowledge with the incoming Commander
  - Communicate the active chapter's goals for the year
  - Plan for the alumni events for the year



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## Commanders' Luncheon Overview

- *Event is in its sixth year, established in 2017*
- *Invitation list includes*
  - Incoming Commander
  - Past Commanders - both colony and active chapter Commanders
  - Founding Fathers of Theta Sigma chapter
  - Current or Past National Officers
  - Employees of HQ
  - Current or Past Division Commanders
  - Alpha Affiliates
  - Incoming Commander gets to invite a plus one (he's the designated photographer of the event)



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## Commanders' Luncheon Overview

- *Date of the event is the third Saturday of January*
- *Event is promoted through email, text, phone calls and through the Theta Sigma Commanders Facebook group*
- *Location is Springfield*
  - Chapter plans for Initiation of the fall candidates that evening and many alumni will attend



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## Commanders' Luncheon Overview

- *Agenda includes*
  - After lunch, each attendee has a moment to speak and offer advice to the incoming Commander – this is known as the pass the gavel portion of the program
  - The incoming Commander has his own personalized gavel for his term
  - The Commander receives the Chapter's Commander's Badge from the outgoing Commander and is sworn into his position

## Commanders' Luncheon Overview

- *Agenda includes (continued)*
  - Commanders have begun the tradition of having all attendees sign his own Sigma Nu flag
  - Incoming Commander will give a report on College Of Chapters and his goals for the year
- **New for 2022**
  - A new tradition for the 2022 year will be bookmarks for each attendee to mark his chosen place in the chapter bible and note each year of his attendance on his chosen page



## Commanders' Luncheon Overview

- *Chapter memorabilia is often passed from alumni to the Commander*





## Commanders' Luncheon Overview

- We have established tradition of recognizing those past attendees who have entered Chapter Eternal*





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## Commanders' Luncheon Overview

- *After the event, a follow up note is important*
  - Thank the brother for coming
  - Tell him where to find pictures of the event
  - Remind him of upcoming alumni events



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# Theta Eta Commanders' Dinner

Presented by:

Kevin Kedzior (Northern Illinois)





# SIGMA NU FRATERNITY

THETA ETA CHAPTER *at* NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

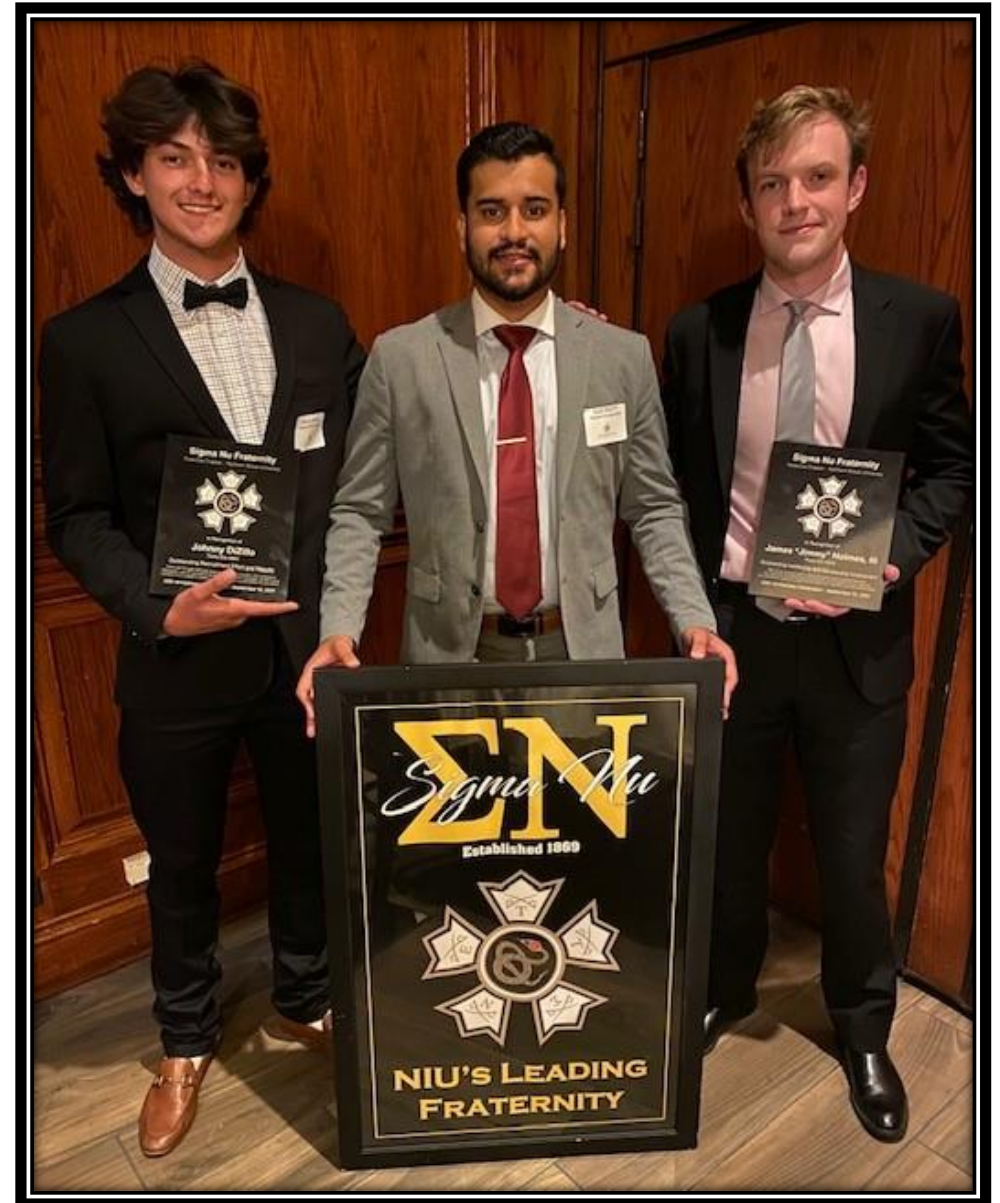
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# 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL COMMANDER'S DINNER

Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
The Clubhouse Restaurant – Oakbrook, IL



**Part 1 – Our Brand**, Kevin Kedzior OH 275

**Part 2 – Our House**, Stefan Wereminski OH 466

**Part 3 – Our University**, Dr. John Butler OH 300

**Part 4 – Our Undergraduate Leaders**

- Raaif Majeed OH 650
- James Holmes III OH 626
- Matthew Niziolek OH 644
- Gabriel Lichlyter OH 629

**Part 5 – Our Future**, Kevin Kedzior OH 275  
Scott Friedman OH 506

## SIGMA NU FRATERNITY

THETA ETA CHAPTER – NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Printed agenda placed on each dinner plate so all attendees understand the flow of our event. Print on a heavier card stock for a more handsome look and feel.

**“Our Brand”** is an opportunity to talk about the unique culture of our chapter at NIU, how we compare and compete with other fraternities, our messaging and value proposition.

**“Our House”** is an opportunity to speak about improvements made to and planned for the chapter home.

**“Our University”** is a key but easily overlooked aspect of the evening agenda. There are always significant events effecting Greek life, enrollment, demographics etc.

**“Our Undergrad Leaders”** are the speeches given by the outgoing and incoming Commanders and Lt. Commanders. Emphasis on what they did and will accomplish during their respective terms.

**“Our Future”** is an opportunity for alumni leaders to cast vision and invite other alumni to get involved on the Alumni Advisory Board (AAB), facilitate LEAD sessions, engage in defined projects or initiatives.



February 9th, 2020

**Soup**

**Lobster Bisque**  
Sherry, Shrimp, Crab

**Salad**

**House Salad**  
Baby Greens, Grape Tomato, Sweet Red Onion,  
Balsamic Vinaigrette

**Entrees**

Please Select One:

**Chicken Romano**

Romano Cheese Crusted Chicken Breast,  
House- Made Marinara  
Served with Red Skin Mashed Potatoes  
and Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

**Orange Basil Salmon**

Atlantic Salmon, Orange Glaze, Orange Beurre Blanc  
Served with Red Skin Mashed Potatoes  
and Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

**Petite Filet Mignon**

6oz Center- Cut Tenderloin, Garlic Butter  
Served with Red Skin Mashed Potatoes  
and Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

**Dessert**

**New York Style Cheesecake**  
Raspberry Sauce, Whipped Cream

## **Basic Financial Breakdown**

Charged Dinner price = \$110.00 (cash at door)

Dinner cost target = \$70.00 per plate

Margin per attendee = \$40.00

## **Additional Costs to Cover**

5 Complimentary Dinners @ \$70.00 = \$350.00

- 4 undergraduate guests
- 1 University representative

4 Awards @ \$40.00 = \$160.00

1 engraved Commander Pin = \$120.00

Total Additional Costs = \$630.00

Divided by \$40.00 margin = 16 paid attendees

## **Alternative Sources of Income**

Offer non-attending invitees the opportunity to sponsor the dinner cost of an undergraduate member. Some brothers want to contribute despite their inability to attend the event.



## Sigma Nu Fraternity

Theta Eta Chapter – Northern Illinois University



In Recognition of

**John Irwin**

Theta Eta #619

46<sup>th</sup> Eminent Commander  
of Theta Eta Chapter

*1st Annual Commanders Dinner 2020*



## Sigma Nu Fraternity

Theta Eta Chapter – Northern Illinois University



In Recognition of

**Jeremy Addis**

Outstanding Partnership in  
Greek Student Housing

*1st Annual Commanders Dinner 2020*



## Sigma Nu Fraternity

Theta Eta Chapter – Northern Illinois University



In Recognition of

**Steve Sliga**

Theta Eta #272

Alumni Generosity

*1st Annual Commanders Dinner 2020*



## Sigma Nu Fraternity

Theta Eta Chapter – Northern Illinois University



In Recognition of

**James “Jimmy” Holmes, III**

Theta Eta #626

**Outstanding Leadership and Membership Involvement**

*You are the personification of Sigma Nu being “NIU’s Leading Fraternity”.  
Your high-level of achievement and work ethic is the backbone of our fraternity.  
Your exemplary activity is a model for both Sigma Nu members and NIU students alike.*

*50th Anniversary Celebration - September 10, 2021*

## Sigma Nu Fraternity

Theta Eta Chapter – Northern Illinois University



In Recognition of

**Johnny DiZillo**

Theta Eta #663

**Outstanding Recruitment Effort and Results**

*Thank you for your unrivaled dedication which produced a 73% increase in manpower, with no sacrifice of quality, for the Fall 2021 semester. At this critical moment in our chapter’s history, you secured a strong foundation for our future.*

*50th Anniversary Celebration - September 10, 2021*

## Sigma Nu Fraternity

Theta Eta Chapter – Northern Illinois University



In Recognition of

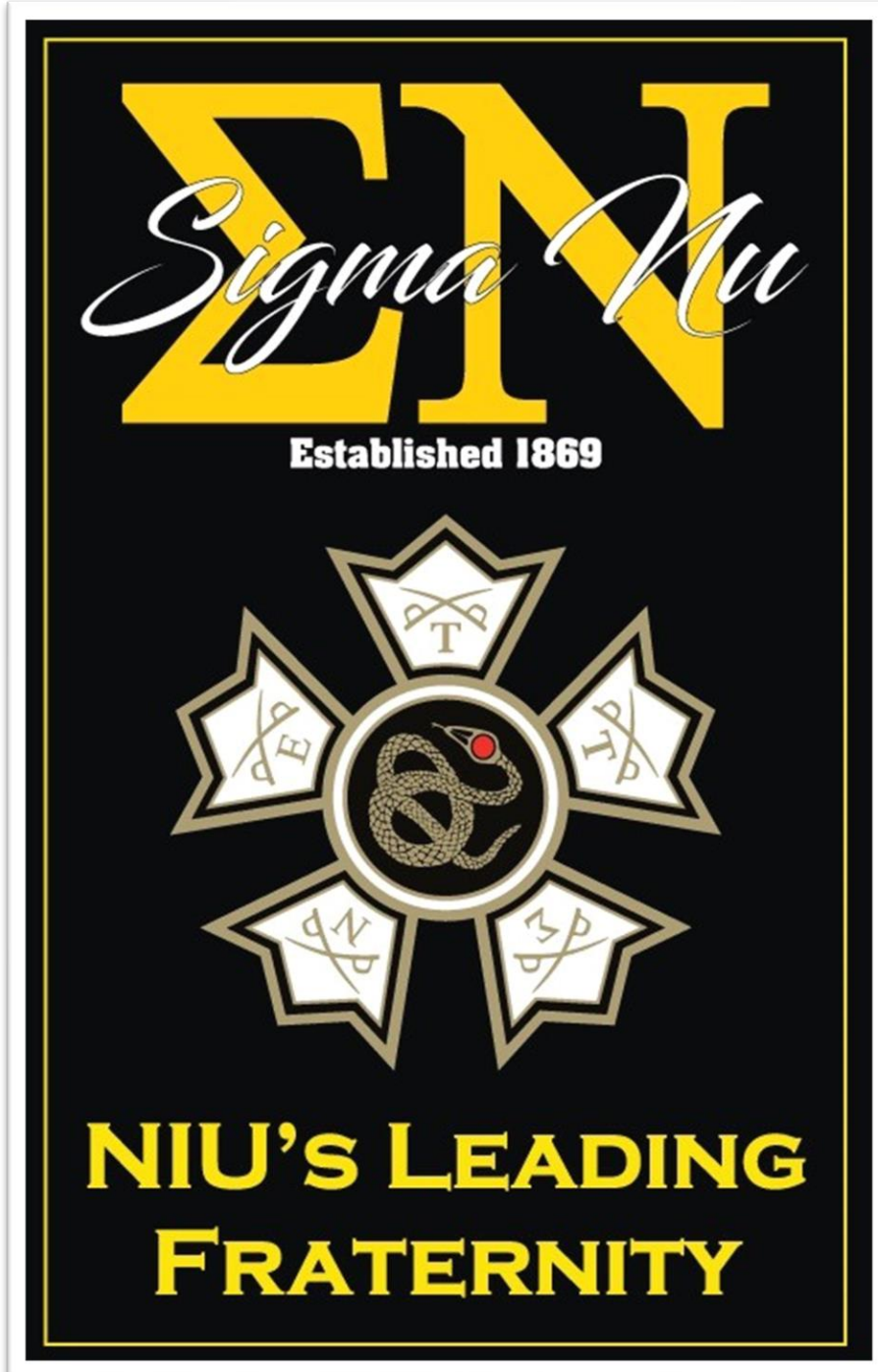
**Kevin M Pintar**

Theta Eta #312

**Alumni Generosity**

*Thank you for your ongoing support of the Annual Alumni Golf Outing via sponsorship of an Undergraduate Foursome. Your generosity tangibly builds a bridge between our Alumni and Undergraduate chapter members.*

*50th Anniversary Celebration - September 10, 2021*



This 7' x 11' banner hangs on the south wall of our chapter house. It is the first thing you see when entering our parking lot. This is what everyone in the Greek row neighborhood sees when they drive up Blackhawk Road. It is a conscious and subconscious message to both, our members, and our community. This is who we are. This is how we see ourselves.

The moment this statement is not true is the moment the banner must come down.

Few fraternity chapters can point to a distinctive trait that defines their identity and separates them from other fraternities on campus. Fewer still can articulate it well. This banner – this statement, brought our chapter's identity into clear focus. Branding is important. The framed representation of this banner hangs on the wall of our chapter room. It is central in our group photos.

***Recruiting is a lot easier when you have a clear understanding of who you are.***

The annual Pig Roast is the premier fraternity recruitment event at NIU. We needed an event logo (without a date) which could be used year after year to promote the event on social media. Creating traditions, institutionalizing events and processes is key to our success. Do the same thing every year with minor tweaks to continually improve the event.

We are committed to doing events with excellence and attention to detail. It's become part of our reputation. We are setting new standards and leading the way at NIU.





This is the logo we created for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Events seem to be more “official” when there is an official logo. The digital version was essential in promoting the event on Social Media, in emails and sharing via text message. We also produced two 6’ x 6’ vinyl banners with corner grommets and affixed to the front of our chapter house. We will leave this up the entire academic year so our Greek and University community recognize the longevity of our chapter.

This design can easily be used at other chapters with minor text changes.

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# Thank You

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**Commanders' Dinner Sample Documentation**

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