

Founders:

James Frank Hopkins, Alpha 1 (1845-1915)

- Enrolled in Virginia Military Institute in 1866
- Served in Confederate Army
- Had the Idea to create the Fraternity
- Lt. Commander of Alpha Chapter
- Designer of the Badge
- Drafted the First Ritual
- 1st Vice Regent of the Fraternity

Greenfield Quarles, Alpha 2 (1847-1921)

- Enrolled in Virginia Military Institute in 1866
- Served in Confederate Army and was a POW
- Became a Judge
- Advocate of the development of the public schools of Arkansas

James McIlvaine Riley, Alpha 3 (1849-1911)

- Enrolled in Virginia Military Institute in 1866
- Member of VMI's first baseball team
- Served Alpha Chapter as its first Commander
- 1st Regent of the Fraternity
- Served as Regent for 10 years
- Never attended a Grand Chapter

The Founding

- Francis H. Smith is the Spiritual Founder of Sigma Nu.
 - First Superintendent of Virginia Military Institute
- Occurred in October 1868, but was kept a secret until 1/1/1869
- Three Founders met on the Parade Grounds limestone outcropping and swore on the Bible to uphold the Principles of Love, Honor and Truth along with a strong opposition to hazing.
- Went Public on **January 1, 1869**

Other Important Brother

- Walter James Sears, Nu Chapter (Kansas) Number 50-wrote the Creed of Sigma Nu.
 - Also founded Beta Nu, the Chapter at The Ohio State University.
- Ora Baldinger (Alpha 133) is the Keeper of the Rock, because he saved the Rock from being destroyed, when VMI expanded its parade ground.
- John Carmichael, Jr. (Lambda 35) was the first legacy in Sigma Nu history.
 - His son also became a Sigma Nu, marking the first Third Generation Sigma Nu.
- Harrison Ford (Zeta Tau 133), who played Indiana Jones and Han Solo in Star Wars.
- The pilot who flew the Enola Gay was Paul Tibbets, Jr. (Epsilon Zeta 256).
- William Daniel (Gamma Beta 854) was a famous actor best known as the voice KITT and Mr. Feeny
- Ellwood H. McClelland (Gamma Epsilon 005) is the Designer of the Coat of Arms.
- Paul Bryant (Theta 678) coached football at his alma mater, the University of Alabama.
- The current Regent of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. is Charlie Eitel (Epsilon Epsilon 1096).
- The current Executive Director of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. is Brad Beacham.

Three Paintings

- A Serpent, A Rose, And A Star by Elmer Paul Catts, Jr (Delta Kappa 582).
- The Quest
- Founders at the Rock

Other Facts

- The Delta is the Fraternities national Magazine, and is so named for the first three chapters which formed a delta in shape.
- The National Convention of Sigma Nu is called Grand Chapter it is held in the summer of even numbered years.
- Sigma Nu Headquarters is located on the highest hill in Lexington Virginia
- Sigma Nu Education Foundation is instrumental in financial assistance for brother with academic excellence
- Over 250,000 living Sigma Nu Brothers
- Around 10,000 Collegiate Brothers
- It is said that after Knights die they enter the Chapter Eternal.
- Grand Chapter is a bi-annual, week-long convention where representatives from each chapter across the United States and Canada come together and acts as the legislative body of the Great Chapter.
- The very first Grand Chapter was held in Nashville, Tennessee.
- The last Grand Chapter (the 65th) was held in Dallas, Texas and the next one (the 66th) will be held in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Sigma Nu is a part of the Lexington Triad
 - The Triad refers to the 3 Fraternities founded in the Lexington Area.
 - The Triad consists of Sigma Nu, Kappa Alpha, and Alpha Tau Omega.

Insignias



The Badge

- Model after the White Cross of the French Legion of Honor
- Has Changed Little over the years
- Raised Center and size
- Commander's Badge and Badge of the High Council remain in the original style

The Book

- Each Cadet at VMI was given a Bible.

The Sword

- Was a Part of the Cadet's Formal Dress

Colors

- White
- Black
- Gold

The Rock

- Limestone out cropping that the Fraternity was founded on
- Protected and buried from the expansion of the VMI Parade Ground by Brother **Ora Baldinger**, a two ton piece of the rock sits outside of Sigma Nu Headquarters.

The White Rose

- Symbolizes purity of purpose
- The Classic Five-Pedaled, wild, white English Floribunda

The Crest/Coat of Arms consists of



- Colors
- Badge
- Knight's Helmet
- White Rose
- Coiled Serpent
- Cross Swords
- Motto, which will be explained at your initiation



The Flag

- Colors with a Coiled Serpent

The Creed

**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.**

Risk Reduction

- This is a link to the Risk Reduction Guidelines of Sigma Nu
 - [Risk Reduction Policy and Guidelines](#)

Iota Beta

- First Fraternity to be founded on the Virginia Wesleyan Campus.
- Originally Chartered in 1974.
- Re-chartered in 2009.

Other Active Chapter

- University of Virginia (Beta)
- Duke University (Gamma)
- Washington and Lee University (Lambda)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- North Carolina State University (Beta Tau)
- University of Maryland (Delta Phi)
- Hampden-Sydney College (Eta Pi)
- Old Dominion University (Eta Chi)
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Theta Xi)
- James Madison University (Iota Delta)
- Wake Forest University (Lambda Alpha)
- University of North Carolina Wilmington (Mu Gamma)
- University of North Carolina at Asheville (Mu Eta)
- Longwood University (Mu Phi)
- Lynchburg College (Mu Chi)



Alpha
(al-fa)



Beta
(bay-tah)



Gamma
(gam-ah)



Delta
(del-ta)



Epsilon
(ep-si-lon)



Zeta
(zay-tah)

Greek Alphabet

- Be able to recognize both Greek symbol and English spelling.



Eta
(ay-tah)



Theta
(thay-tah)



Iota
(eye-o-tah)



Kappa
(cap-pah)



Lambda
(lamb-dah)



Mu
(mew)



Nu
(new)



Xi
(zie)



Omicron
(om-e-cron)



Pi
(pie)



Rho
(roe)



Sigma
(sig-mah)



Tau
(taw)



Upsilon
(up-si-lon)



Phi
(fie) or (fee)



Chi
(kie)



Psi
(sigh)



Omega
(oh-may-gah)