



**Sigma Nu Fraternity**

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# **Grand Chapter Recap**

**August 15, 2023**



# **Overview**

## **70th Grand Chapter Logistics**

### **Key Actions of the 70<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter**

- **Election**
- **Budget**
- **Jurisprudence**
- **Award Winners**

### **Fall 2023 Chapter Support Services**

- **Chapter Officer Resources**
- **Employment Opportunities**

### **Updates to Headquarters Property**

### **Q & A**





**What is  
Grand Chapter?**

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# What is Grand Chapter?

A four-day, democratic legislative convention where representatives of the Fraternity's collegiate and alumni chapters and Grand Officers meet to determine the operational direction of the Fraternity for the next biennium (two-year period).

Following a postponement from 2020 to 2021 during the pandemic, the Grand Chapter is held in odd-numbered summers (the 71<sup>st</sup> Grand Chapter will be held in Summer 2025).

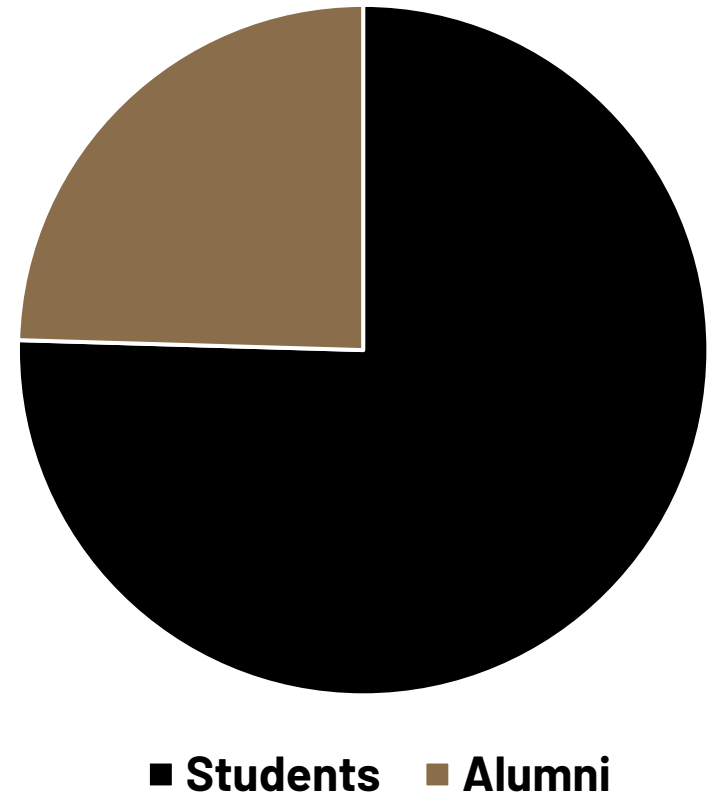
The 70<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter was the first in-person Grand Chapter in five years (69<sup>th</sup> was virtual in 2021 and 68<sup>th</sup> was in Washington, D.C. in 2018).

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# Voting Representation

- Collegiate Chapters – 2 votes per
- Alumni Chapters – 1 vote per
- High Council – 11 members / 1 vote per
- Past Elected High Council – 1 vote per
- Grand Officers – 1 vote per
  - 4 Ceremonial (Marshal, Chaplain, Sentinel, Historian)
  - Division Commanders (26)

70th Grand Chapter Representation







# Day 1

## Opening Ceremonies

## State of the Fraternity









**155**  
Active Chapters

**71**  
Average  
Chapter Size

**11,093**  
Total Collegiate  
Membership



# Day 2

Ritual Opening

High Council Election

Honor Luncheon

Hall of Fame Inductions

Area Alumni Reception

SOLD!...for Sigma Nu













# Hall of Fame

## Class of 2023

**Carl D. Thoma**  
**Oklahoma State**  
**Epsilon Epsilon #1069**

**Guy Lewis**  
**Houston**  
**Zeta Chi #464**

**R. LaVell Edwards**  
**Utah State**  
**Epsilon Upsilon #292**

**Col. Hub Zemke**  
**Montana**  
**Gamma Phi #339**





# Day 3 & 4

Maddox Honor Panel

Chapter Eternal

Closing Banquet









# What Does the Grand Chapter Do?

Key Actions and Decisions



# High Council and 68<sup>th</sup> Regent



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# 23-25 Biennium Budget





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# Budget Dues and Fees Increase

## In Summary

- First increase since 2016 in membership dues and fees
- Historical period of inflation – 26.2% since 2016
- Maintain competitive standing
- Continue Financial Excellence

# Dues and Fees Increase

	Candidate Fee	Initiation Fee	Total New Member Fee	Initiate Dues	Total 4-Year Cost
Current	\$100	\$230	\$330	\$145	\$837.50
Proposed	\$125	\$250	\$375	\$180	\$1,005.00
Increase (in dollars)	\$25	\$20	\$45	\$35	\$167.50
Increase (in percent)	25.0%	8.7%	13.6%	24.1%	20.0%

# 2023-2025 Biennium Budget

2023-2024 Fiscal Year		2024-2025 Fiscal Year		2023-2025 Biennium	
Revenue	\$ 7,463,529	Revenue	\$ 6,612,767	Revenue	\$14,076,296
Expenses	7,411,216	Expenses	6,665,080	Expenses	14,076,296
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 52,313</b>	<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (52,313)</b>	<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>



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# Grand Chapter Business

## **Elect a High Council (Board of Directors)**

- **Regent, Maury Gaston (Auburn)**
- **Regent-Elect, Steve Ratterman (Indiana)**
- **Grand Treasurer, Jason Lyons (Jefferson)**
- **Vice Regents**
  - **Michael Barry (Georgia)**
  - **Shon Christy (Akron)**
  - **David Glassman (Eastern Michigan)**
  - **Al Wurster (Purdue)**

## **Pass the Budget for the Biennium**

### **Consider Legislation**

- **Resolutions**
  - **Proclamations**
  - **Program updates**
  - **Creation of task forces to report back to next Grand Chapter**
- **Changes to The Law**
- **Updates to *The Ritual***

## **Celebrate Excellence**

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# Grand Chapter Legislation

Resolutions and Changes to The Law





# Grand Chapter Resolutions

Recognitions of exceptional service to the Fraternity by distinguished Brothers and other contributors.

Continued work to ensure an “inclusive Brotherhood.”

Review of the Alumni Advisory Board program.





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# **70<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Amendments to The Law**

- 1. Clarifying the role of Counsel in a Trial Code Hearing**
- 2. Rock Chapter Award name and criteria update**
- 3. Removing Bonding Requirements for Grand Treasurer, Executive Director, and Collegiate Chapter Treasurer**
- 4. Adoption of Risk Reduction Officer to Collegiate Chapter Officer Listing**
- 5. Authorizing the High Council to Implement Disciplinary Action Against an Alumnus Brother (until formal disciplinary action can be taken – i.e., Trial Code)**
- 6. Permitting Election of High Council by Acclamation at Grand Chapter**
- 7. Modifying Collegiate Chapter Approval Process (Colony Petition)**
- 8. Collegiate Grand Councilman transition to Collegiate Board of Advisors**

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# Collegiate Advisors

Each year outstanding Collegiate Brothers are selected to serve as advisors to both the High Council and Sigma Nu Educational Foundation's board of directors.

Announcement and description of these roles will be sent by email to all collegiate brothers late in the fall term.

Interested Brothers will apply and participate in an interview with representatives of the High Council / Foundation Board.

Brothers will be appointed to serve for a one-year term and will participate in all meetings of the High Council / Foundation Board.

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# **Celebrating Excellence**

## **[sigmanu.org/awards](http://sigmanu.org/awards)**

### **Chapter Awards**

**Based on academic reports, membership reporting, and PEP self-assessment data.**

- **Rock & Most Improved Chapters**
- **Scholarship**
- **LEAD**
- **Manpower**
- **Service & Philanthropy Contributions**

**Award materials due April 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **Individual Awards**

- **Alpha Alumni Chapter Affiliates (top 10 graduates)**
- **Man, Scholar, Talent, and Athlete of the Year (collegiate initiates only)**
- **Volunteers – Chapter Advisor, House Corp. Officer, Alumni Chapter Officer, Division Commander**
- **Campus Advisor**
- **Hall of Fame, Hall of Honor**



# Officer Resource Updates

[sigmanu.org/officerresources](https://sigmanu.org/officerresources)

**Updated pages include:**

- **Key policies, how-to's, templates, best practices, and more...**
- **Manuals for each position updated in Spring 2023 – officers should download, review, and pass along during officer transitions.**



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# Save the Date for the 2024 College of Chapters

**January 3-6, 2024, in  
Roanoke, Va.**

**All Commanders are  
expected to attend.**

**Learn more at  
[sigmanu.org/cofc](https://sigmanu.org/cofc)**

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# Save the Date

**January 20 & 27, 2024**

All chapters expected to have multiple officers attend.

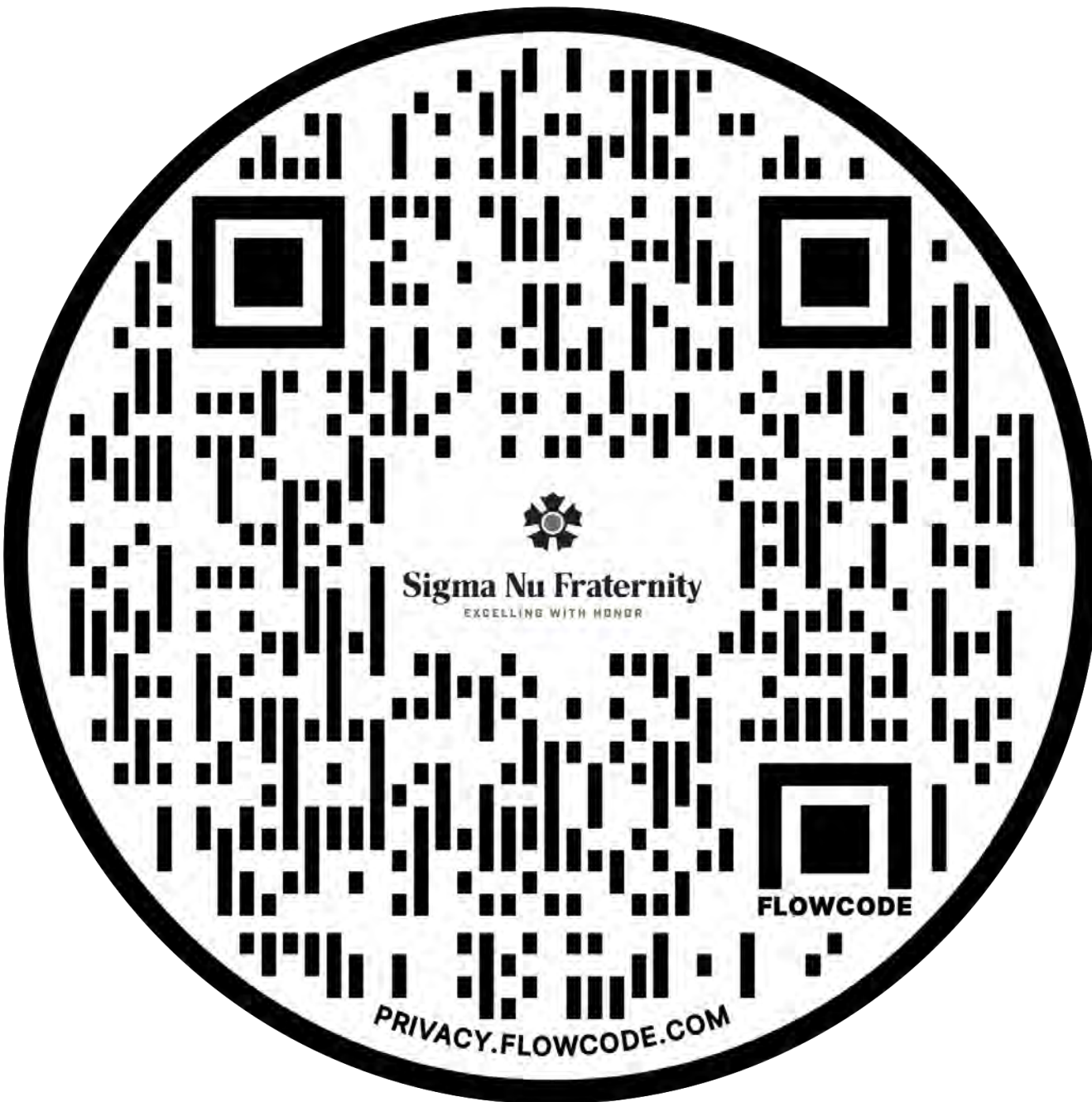
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**Alumni Volunteer Training on  
January 17, 2024**

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# Become a Consultant!

Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. is hiring enthusiastic leaders to serve as members of our team at the Headquarters Office in Lexington.

Visit [sigmanu.org/employment](https://sigmanu.org/employment) to learn more and download an application.

Applications for 2024 openings are due October 15. January and June start dates available!

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## THE GAVEL PODCAST

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# Sigma Nu has a Podcast

- Hear the latest information on the operations of the Legion of Honor and learn from some of the Fraternity's most successful and influential alumni and stakeholders.
- Check out *The Gavel Podcast* wherever you stream your podcasts.





# Help Grow the Legion of Honor!

Know someone who would be an  
ideal candidate for Sigma Nu?

Submit a membership referral at  
[sigmanu.org/referral](https://sigmanu.org/referral) or by  
scanning the QR code to the left.

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# Planned Expansions for 2023-2024

- **Fall 2023:** Sigma Nu returns to San Jose State to re-establish the **Zeta Iota Chapter**.
  - **Spring 2024:** Sigma Nu returns to Cal Poly, Pomona to re-establish the **Kappa Gamma Chapter**.
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THE LEGION OF HONOR RETURNS 2023-2024







# Spears Family Epsilon Epsilon Center for Excellence

[sigmanu.org/visithq](http://sigmanu.org/visithq)

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# Virtual Headquarters Tour

[sigmanu.org/virtualtour](http://sigmanu.org/virtualtour)





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