



The Black & Gold



of Sigma Nu Fraternity
at Theta Kappa Chapter

Sigma Nu Fraternity

June 11, 2014 - Summer Mixers & "Road to the Rock" Edition

Georgia Southern University

THREE LOCAL AREA MIXERS FOR ALUMNI, COLLEGIATES & FRIENDS

ATLANTA AREA

Date: **Thu., Jun. 19th**
Time: **6:30 pm – 9:00 pm**
Place: **Hudson Grille**
6317 Roswell Road NE
Sandy Springs, GA 30328
404-554-8282

Hosts:

John Austin, ΘK 120
Tom Harjung, ΘK 248
Jim McBrayer, ΘK 5
Eric Degen, ΘK 811, Commander



MACON AREA

Date: **Tue., Aug. 5th**
Time: **6:30 pm – 9:00 pm**
Place: **Wild Wing Cafe**
The Shoppes at River Crossing
Macon, GA 31210
478-477-9453

Hosts:

Drew Palmer, ΘK 558
Wilkes Evans, ΘK 607
Bill Geddy, ΘK 219
Eric Degen, ΘK 811, Commander



SAVANNAH AREA

Date: **Tue., Aug. 19th**
Time: **6:30 pm – 9:00 pm**
Place: **B&D Burgers**
209 W. Congress Street
Savannah GA 31401
912-238-8315

Hosts:

Larry Sands, ΘK 325
Dick Yaun, ΘK 15
Tommy Howard, ΘK 49
Eric Degen, ΘK 811, Commander



For more information on local events go to: SigmaNuGSU.com/local-area-events or our events site on Facebook.

HOMECOMING 2014 OCTOBER 9-12 • UNIV. OF IDAHO

ΣNETT - THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR HOUSE DEDICATION - ΣNETT

Save the date! Our 2014 Homecoming Celebration is **October 9-12, 2014!** Our Eagles will be playing the University of Idaho on **Sat., Oct. 11th**. This year is the **25th Anniversary of Chapter House & Rededication!**

Go to: SigmaNuGSU.com/homecoming or our event site on Facebook.

TAILGATE AT TECH

GSU AT GA TECH • SAT, 09/13 AT 12NN • TAILGATE AT 9AM

ENJOY TAILGATING WITH YOUR CHAPTER • PRELUDE TO HOMECOMING

Save the date! Our GSU Eagles vs. Georgia Tech Ramblin' Wreck in Atlanta – **Sat., Sep. 13, 2014!** Be there starting at **9:00 am** for our **tailgate** and the **game at 12:00 noon**. Watch for more details.

Go to: SigmaNuGSU.com/tailgate-at-tech or our event site on Facebook.

Both of these events are family friendly, so enjoy!

ROAD TO THE ROCK THETA KAPPA'S TRIP TO LEXINGTON VA

ΣNETT - THETA KAPPA'S 2014 RENAISSANCE PILGRIMAGE TO THE ROCK - ΣNETT

To learn more about our "Pilgrimage to Lexington" **keep reading** and go to: SigmaNuGSU.com/road-to-the-rock. This was a great experience for our chapter! Thank you to all of our alumni and supporters for making it possible! Read the report by Eric D. Degen, Commander, ΘK 811, and see the photos and slideshow on our website.

RECOMMEND RUSHEES FOR THETA KAPPA RECRUITMENT

ΣNETT - HELP BUILD A THRIVING, SUSTAINABLE THETA KAPPA CHAPTER - ΣNETT

Think about the young men you may know that will be attending GSU this fall – we are looking for men of character that we would be proud to call a brother! You have the ability to affect this through recommendations.

Go to: SigmaNuGSU.com/membership-referral. Thank you!

See you at one of many of our events this Fall!

Search for the Facebook Group: [Sigma Nu - Georgia Southern - Theta Kappa](#) or [SigmaNuGSU](#) - Join the Facebook Group & Website!

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

2014

02/01 **Celebration of the Red Cup**
 02/01 **House Opening: 25 Years**
 04/01 ΣΝ Month of Service
 04/11 Pilgrimage to HQs/Rock/VMI
 04/26 2nd Commanders' Dinner
 05/01 Atlanta Honorary Board
 05/06 Theta Kappa Colony's 46th Anniversary
 05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 44 Years

06/19 **Atlanta Alumni Dinner**
 06/21 Summer AAB Meeting
 08/05 **Macon Alumni Dinner**
 08/16 First Fall AAB Meeting
 08/19 **Savannah Alumni Dinner**
 08/18 Fall Semester Classes Begin
 08/30 GSU at NC State
 09/06 GSU vs. Savannah State
 09/09 Atlanta Alumni Dinner
 09/13 **GSU at Georgia Tech**
 09/13 **Sigma Nu Tailgate in ATL**
 09/20 GSU at South Alabama
 09/25 GSU vs. Appalachian State (Thu)
 09/27 GSU Family Weekend (25-27)
 09/27 Mid Fall AAB Meeting
 10/04 GSU at New Mexico State
 10/11 **GSU vs. Idaho**
 10/11 **GSU Homecoming Weekend**
 10/25 **GSU at Georgia State**
 10/25 **Sigma Nu Tailgate in ATL**
 10/30 GSU vs. Troy University (Thu)
 11/01 GA-FL in Jacksonville
 11/08 GSU at Texas State
 11/11 25 Years since the House Dedication
 11/15 GSU at Navy
 11/17 ΘΚ Founder's Day (1967) – 47 Years
 11/29 GSU vs. University LA-Monroe
 12/09 Atlanta Alumni Dinner

2015

01/01 146th Anniversary of ΣΝ
 01/17 3rd Commanders' Dinner
 05/06 Theta Kappa Colony – 47 Years
 05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 45 Years
 11/17 ΘΚ Founder's Day (1967) – 48 Years

2016

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣΝ) 147th Anniversary
 01/16 4th Commanders' Dinner
 05/06 Theta Kappa Colony – 48 Years
 05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 46 Years
 11/01 35th Anniversary of the Black & Gold
 11/14 30 Years since 1986 Alumni Initiation
 11/17 ΘΚ Founder's Day (1967) – 49 Years

2017

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣΝ) 148th Anniversary
 01/14 5th Commanders' Dinner
 05/06 Theta Kappa Colony – 49 Years
 05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 47 Years
 11/17 ΘΚ Founder's Day (1967) – 50 Years

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
 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
 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
 05/06 Theta Kappa Colony – 52 Years
 05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 50 Years
 11/17 ΘΚ Founder's Day (1967) – 53 Years

Founding Day: November 17, 1967
 Colonization of Chapter: May 6, 1968
 Chapter's Chartering: May 10, 1970
 House Dedication: November 11, 1989

For the most up-to-date calendar of events visit our website at www.SigmaNuGSU.com.



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June 11, 2014

Alumni, Collegiate, Parents, and Friends...

Enclosed is our most recent newsletter and some additional updates that include a recap of the “Road to the Rock” pilgrimage to Lexington and our Chapter Calendar with important dates for each of you to mark down including three upcoming Alumni Mixers in Atlanta, Macon, and Savannah – I hope to see each of you there!

Theta Kappa has had a great 2013-14 school year and I want to tell/show you about some of it in the attached newsletter, but also invite you to review and subscribe to our website and Facebook group – we will be sending some more updates to you over the summer. I want to start by thanking our most generous patrons who underwrote our recent “Road to the Rock” trip – they are listed and recognized on Page 3. Without your support, this trip would not have been possible in the fashion it was done, so we created a very special commemorative t-shirt for each of you, which you will get in the next few weeks. Over \$7,000 was raised, which covered the trip and funded several incoming freshman “Rush” scholarships for this summer. Also thank you to brothers Anderson Johnson (ΘK 798) and Adam Clay (ΘK 810) for putting the trip together, Carlos Robelo (ΘK 758) for the great pictures of the trip, and Headquarters Staff Members Alex Taylor (NB 5), Chris Brenton (BT 1307), and the entire staff for helping us organize it as well as leading the tours and facilitating LEAD there. For more on the trip: www.SigmaNuGSU.com/trip-to-lexington or: www.SigmaNuGSU.com/rtrr-slideshow.

Congratulations to our eight new brothers (and their parents), who joined the Legion of Honor at Knights during our “Road to the Rock” trip on Sat., April 12, 2014. They are:

1. John B. Harrison (John), ΘK 833, Roswell GA
2. Bryan N. Taylor (Bryan), ΘK 834, Fayetteville GA
3. Mitchell G. Portwood (Grant), ΘK 835, Roswell GA
4. John E. Gee (John), ΘK 836, Jefferson GA
5. Taylor A. Harris (Taylor), ΘK 837, Alpharetta GA
6. Ryan M. Wendt (Ryan), ΘK 838, Kennesaw GA
7. Dylan M. Holloway (Dylan), ΘK 839, Tifton GA
8. Nicholas Masters (Nick), ΘK 840, Woodstock GA

RUSH! RUSH! RUSH! (Actually Recruitment). If you know a young man who is coming to GSU in the fall (or any college for that matter), we would love to hear from you, so we can speak to you, to them and work to recruit them – please go to: www.SigmaNuGSU.com/membership-referral to provide us their information. Michael Vega, ΘK 782, is our new Recruitment Officer – he would love to hear from each of you about possible recruits!

I want to thank the Alumni Advisory Board, the House Corporation, the brothers of the chapter, and each of you for supporting and believing in your chapter this year as we became the “New Theta Chapter” – we would not have gotten here without you – we are your chapter and we need each of you! We promise and vow to all be honorable knights of Sigma Nu, strive to be great young men, and be transparent in our operations! We need your continued support and attendance – thank you for your trust and support this year and in the past!

We look forwards to a great fall and seeing each of you at GSU Football Games, the match-up between Georgia Tech and our GSU Eagles on Sat., Sep. 13th in Atlanta (we are planning a Sigma Nu tailgate), at Homecoming Weekend on Oct. 9-12, and in-between. See our upcoming calendar in the “Commander’s Dinner” section on Page 15. For more information on Homecoming, please go to: www.SigmaNuGSU.com/homecoming. Please review the dates above and the enclosed “Chapter Calendar”, so mark your calendar and SAVE THE DATE(s)! If you have questions about the chapter, what is new or going on, or just want to reconnect, please feel free to contact me at: 770-876-9259 (C) or email: degen555@hotmail.com.

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Fraternally,

Eric

Eric D. Degen, ΘK 811
Commander

My perspective and report on our “Road to the Rock” Trip

Eric D. Degen, ΘK 811, Commander



First, thank you to all of our great supporters who made the trip possible! You helped make our Theta Kappa Chapter “Road to the Rock” trip the success it was! On Friday, April 11th, 27 brothers and 8 well-deserving candidates left the Sigma Nu house at 3 pm on a chartered bus bound for Lexington. Ten hours later, we arrived at the Carriage House. (Interestingly, it only took us 9 ½ hours to get back.)

Luckily, the bus had a DVD player, so we watched movies much of the way, which helped the 10 hours go by a little faster. The bus ride was a great time of bonding with each other and improving the brotherhood within the chapter. We arrived at the Carriage House (a bunkhouse for collegiates on the grounds) about midnight and found it could sleep all 35 members quite comfortably.

We woke up at 9 am the next morning and started the day off with a tour of Sigma Nu Headquarters Shrine. Alex Taylor, a member of the staff, was our tour guide, and he took us around both the buildings and the grounds of the Headquarters. This was the first time that over 90% of the chapter had visited our Headquarters. Located at the highest point in Lexington, VA, the facility provides an elegant and beautiful snapshot of the historical city. After we toured the grounds and building, Alex led a wonderful LEAD session on the SWOT analysis program and another session on accountability. Upon completion of the LEAD sessions we had a nice hour break for lunch. We found several good restaurants within walking distance of the Carriage House as well as a general store/gas station. As you could imagine, it is very hard to feed 35 college-aged men, but these local restaurants made it easy to accommodate us.

Once fed, several members found footballs, Frisbees, and other outdoor sports equipment. And so we relaxed and threw a football with our best friends. When our break was over, Chris Brenton, another staff member, led us on a walking tour through the beautiful town of Lexington. We visited Washington and Lee University and on to Virginia Military Institute. At VMI, we made several stops that revealed the historic significance of Sigma Nu at VMI. We saw where the original “Rock” was, as well as where our three founders stayed while they attended VMI. We then went to the VMI museum, which has enough military history to be in a national museum. We concluded the tour and made our way back through downtown Lexington, and returned to the Carriage House.

Around 5:30, we started to get ready for the initiation of our eight Spring 2014 candidates. We initiated these men in the Alpha Room at the Headquarters, which is decorated like the first chapter room at VMI. Our initiation ceremony lasted about an hour and was the best ceremony the Theta Kappa Chapter may have ever been a part of. When the ceremony was over, we all headed back to the Carriage house, changed, and went out to enjoy the rest of the night with our new brothers. Then, we had free time until we went to sleep that night. On the Sunday morning, we woke up around 6 am and prepared for our departure from Lexington, VA. We then got on the bus, watched more movies, bonded even more tightly with our brothers and arrived back in Statesboro around 4 pm.

Main Points of the “Road to the Rock” Trip:

- Brotherhood and bonding on the bus trip and at the Carriage House
- First trip for the “New” Theta Kappa Chapter as a whole
- Chapter seeing HQs, VMI, W&L and Downtown Historic Lexington
- Visitation and honoring the Memorial Flag Pavilion and the “Pathway to Honor”
- Two great LEAD sessions led by the Fraternity Staff
- Initiation of Candidates in the Sigma Nu “Alpha Room” (ΘK 833 - ΘK 840)

If you have not been recently I encourage each of to take your own pilgrimage to our headquarters!





“Road to the Rock” Report

Our most generous patrons that supported the trip:

Anonymous
 John Austin, ΘK 120
 Buddy Banks, ΘK 67
 Martin Bay, ΘK 120
 Troy Barrentine, ΘK 275
 Larry Brady, ΘK 17
 John Dowdle, ΘK 399
 Tony Fair, ΘK 9
 Roy Fowler, ΘK 268
 Steve Garner, ΘK 116
 Bill Geddy, ΘK 219
 Bill Griffin, ΘK 25
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 Jon Lott, ΘK 92

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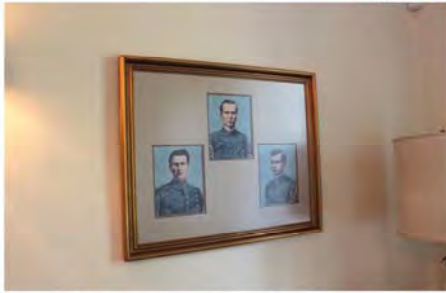
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 Spring 2104 Candidate Class
 T-Shirt sales to alumni
 Theta Kappa House Corporation

Note: The list above made contributions to underwrite the “Road to the Rock” trip and does not include fundraising t-shirt sales.

For more information go to: www.SigmaNuGSU.com/trip-to-lexington









Congratulations!

**To our newest brothers and knights of Sigma Nu.
Saturday, April 12, 2014 • Lexington, VA**

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