



Sigma Nu Fraternity

**Theta Kappa Chapter
Georgia Southern University**

Our Second Annual

Commanders' Dinner

**to honor our 44th & newest Eminent Commander
Sat., April 16, 2014**

Eric D. Degen

ΘK 811, Sophomore, 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 Second 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. Reflect on another collegiate brother who supported and assist you in your role as commander and the positive direction of the chapter.
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4. Reflect on the experience and impact being commander made on your brotherhood experience, your family, and your career.
5. 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.

Some considerations for future events:

1. The next commander will be named in late November/early December to serve Dec. 2014 to Dec. 2015. The planned date for our next dinner is:
 - Sat., Jan. 17, 2015 (MLK Weekend)
 - 2016: Sat., Jan. 16, 2016; 2017: Sat., Jan. 14, 2017
2. Lt. Commanders? Spouses? A parallel spouse event? Another night of the week? Another venue? Is the price too steep? Another city? Speaker? Homework? How do we increase the value to the group and honoree?

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

1. Robert G. Williams (Robert) - ΘK 258 (1967-1968), Conyers GA (Colony)
2. Robert R. Brown (Bob) - ΘK 1 (1968-1970), Harlem GA (Colony)
3. Jerry P. Sellers (Jerry) - ΘK 2 (1970-1971), Jackson GA (Charter)
4. Andrew L. Moscrip (Andy) - ΘK 45 (1971-1972), Chicago IL
5. William R. Barnard (Rodney) - ΘK 63 (1972-1972), Savannah GA
6. Bruce H. Hall (Bruce) - ΘK 69 (1972-1973), Greenacres FL
7. Paul E. Leahy (Paul) - ΘK 84 (1973-1974), Hickory NC
8. Jon E. Lott (Jon) - ΘK 92 (1974-1975), Alma GA
9. Jeffrey L. Spatz (Jeff) - ΘK 100 (1975-1976), Greensboro NC
10. William A. Hundley, III (Andrew) - ΘK 108 (1976-1977), Blythe GA
11. John B. Austin (John) - ΘK 120 (1977-1978), Atlanta GA
12. Philip C. Holley (Phil) - ΘK 131 (1978-1979), Norcross GA
13. Frank L. Sholtes (Frank) - ΘK 139 (1979-1980), Port Orange FL
14. Jimmie D. Walker, Jr. (Jim) - ΘK 150 (1980-1982), Roswell GA
15. Robert W. Brasington (Robert) - ΘK 164 (1982-1982), Sevierville TN
16. Roger W. McDonald (Roger) - ΘK 175 (1982-1983), Vidalia GA
17. James A. Hill (Adam) - ΘK 193 (1983-1984), Savannah GA
18. James R. Mullis (Jim) - ΘK 195 (1984-1985), Columbus MS
19. William B. Geddy (Bill) - ΘK 219 (1985-1988), Macon GA
20. Jeffrey C. Dudley (Jeff) - ΘK 201 (1985-1985), Macon GA
21. Thomas P. Houlihan (Tom) - ΘK 251 (1988-1989), Suwanee GA
22. Jeffery Kinlaw (Jeff) - ΘK 282 (1989-1990), Savannah GA
23. Todd W. Smith (Todd) - ΘK 305 (1990-1991), Washington DC
24. Eric S. Smith (Scott) - ΘK 326 (1991-1992), Ringgold GA
25. Brett C. Kelly (Brett) - ΘK 310 (1992-1993), Ashland MA
26. Christopher T. Rogers (Trent) - ΘK 363 (1993-1994), Jupiter FL
27. Jason A. Smith (Jason) - ΘK 417 (1994-1995), United Kingdom
28. John M. Dowdle (John) - ΘK 399 (1995-1996), Jacksonville FL
29. William F. Gould (Bill) - ΘK 439 (1996-1998), Jupiter FL
30. John W. Yarborough, III (John) - ΘK 463 (1998-1999), Birmingham AL
31. Brian K. Stansfield (Brian) - ΘK 524 (1999-2000), Indianapolis IN
32. Frank W. Johnson (Tripp) - ΘK 526 (2000-2001), Richmond Hill GA
33. David W. Pittman (David) - ΘK 528 (2001-2002), Dublin GA
34. Andrew M. Palmer, III (Drew) - ΘK 558 (2002-2003), Macon GA
35. R. Gary Foshee, Jr. (Gary) - ΘK 560 (2003-2004), Valparaiso FL
36. Jamie N. Bragg (James) - ΘK 600 (2004-2005), Mobile AL
37. Bruce W. Evans (Wilkes) - ΘK 607 (2005-2006), Perry GA
38. Kevin A. Wigley (Kevin) - ΘK 625 (2006-2006), Smyrna GA
39. David L. Little (David) - ΘK 671 (2008-2009), Kennesaw GA (Colony)
40. Tyler D. Elder (Tyler) - ΘK 694 (2009-2010), Lawrenceville GA (Charter)
41. James S. Mobley (Scott) - ΘK 710 (2010-2011), Athens GA
42. Robert H. Brannen (Robbie) - ΘK 726 (2011-2013), Atlanta GA (Suspended)
43. Evan P. Winebarger (Evan) - ΘK 754 (2013-2013), Lilburn GA
44. Eric D. Degen (Eric) - ΘK 811 (2013-2014), Canton GA



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The Theta Kappa Second Annual Commanders' Dinner

2014

02/01 Celebration of the Red Cup
 02/01 House Opening: 25 Years

04/01 ΣN Month of Service
 04/11 Pilgrimage to HQs/Rock/VMI
 04/12 Spring Blue-White Game
 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
 06/10 Atlanta Alumni Dinner
 06/21 Summer AAB Meeting
 08/05 Macon Alumni Dinner
 08/16 First Fall AAB Meeting
 08/18 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 at Appalachian State
 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
 11/01 GA-FL in Jacksonville
 11/08 GSU at Texas State
 11/11 30 Years since the House Dedication
 11/15 GSU at Navy
 11/17 ΘK Founder's Day (1967) – 47 Years
 11/29 GSU vs. University LA-Monroe
 12/09 Atlanta Alumni Dinner

2015

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

2016

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣN) 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 ΘK Founder's Day (1967) – 49 Years

2017

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

2018

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣN) 149th Anniversary
 01/13 6th Commanders' Dinner
 05/06 Theta Kappa Colony – 50 Years
 05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 48 Years
 11/17 ΘK Founder's Day (1967) – 51 Years

2019

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣN) 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 ΘK Founder's Day (1967) – 52 Years

2020

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣN) 151st Anniversary
 01/18 8th Commanders' Dinner
 05/06 Theta Kappa Colony– 52 Years
 05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 50 Years
 11/17 ΘK Founder's Day (1967) – 53 Years

Founding Day: November 17, 1967
 Colonization of Chapter: May 6, 1968
 Chapter's Chartering: May 10, 1979
 House Dedication: November 11, 1989



Sigma Nu Fraternity – Theta Kappa Alumni Information Sheet

We continue to build our alumni database as part of an overall improvement initiative. Please fill this information out as best as possible as it may assist us in locating other alumni. Please register at www.SigmaNuGSU.com/register as well.



Full Name:

_____ (First Name) _____ (Middle Name) _____ (Last Name)
 _____ (Nickname) Theta Kappa _____ (Initiate Chapter & Number) _____ (Other Sigma Nu Chapter & Initiate #)

Home Address:

Home Address / Other Address / Note: _____ Phone: _____
 Street: _____ Mobile: _____
 City: _____ Email: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____ Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Work Information:

Work Address / Other Address / Notes: _____ Home Office Retired
 Company: _____ Position: _____
 Address 1: _____ Direct: _____
 Address 2: _____ Office: _____
 City: _____ Fax: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____ Email: _____
 Assistant or Notes: _____ Website: _____

What is your preferred email address for correspondence? Home / Work / Other: _____

Family Information:

Spouse's Name: _____ Anniversary Date (MM/DD/YY): _____
 Notes: Was your spouse affiliated with: Sigma Nu (Little Sister/Sweetheart)? / GSU? / Sorority: _____
 Children (w/ages): _____
 (If you have a son(s) we would like to know their DOBs for legacy tracking)
 Parent's Name/Info: _____ Phone: _____
 Street: _____ City/ST/Zip: _____
 (We maintain parent's/permanent address information as another means of finding alumni and prevent them from becoming "lost")

Chapter Information:

	Years:	Name of Predecessor	Name of Successor
Offices Held: _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Or Alum offices held: _____	_____	_____	_____
Big Brother: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Do you communicate with your Big Brother? <input type="checkbox"/> Little Brother(s)?		
Little Brother(s): _____			
Other brother(s) that you maintain a close relationship with? _____			

College Information:

Degree/Major: _____ Grad Year: _____
 Sports/Clubs/SGA: _____ Graduate Work: _____

News to share:

Check box for "Yes" answer: Are you Facebook? / Our Facebook Group? / Our Linked-In? / Registered on www.sigmanugsu.com?

Please fax to: **404-478-8887** or email to alumni@sigmanugsu.com.

Information about our Alumni Database & where to find us...

Theta Kappa maintains an alumni database in addition to the Sigma Nu Fraternity HQs database. The reason we do this is probably obvious, but worth restating – Sigma Nu has over 200,000 alumni and we have less than 1000; no one needs our chapter alumni information like we do, so we need to manage and look after it like no other can as we connect with our alumni through a variety of sources. We do share updates periodically with the Sigma Nu Fraternity HQs (usually quarterly), so they are getting your updates and your fraternity record is updated.

We have 3 basic sources (we manage) where you can find information, what is going on, and where people are:

- **Facebook** – we have a group called “**Sigma Nu - Georgia Southern - Theta Kappa**”; if you are not already a member consider joining this group so you can keep up with our alumni chapter, brothers, and friends. You can then add members as personal friends and get the normal Facebook updates on them. The site is: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/sigmanugsu/>.
- **Chapter Website** – this is located at www.sigmanugsu.com (place on your safe list); it is a repository for chapter/alumni information and events. It is basically a tool that puts us on the web that helps us manage chapter and alumni operations beyond Facebook. You can sign up for notifications, search for other alumni, and it has a personal “dashboard” (once you sign in) that gives a snapshot of what is going on.
- **Alumni Database** – this is managed behind the scenes and we use for keeping up with our members, alumni, and friends. We try to incorporate updates we see on Facebook and the website, but the best way to update us is through the enclosed “alumni information update”. We exchange this information and the address information we gather with the Sigma Nu Fraternity HQs staff, so they can update you as well.

If you have question or updates please contact us at alumni@sigmanugsu.com.

LEAD – Looking for facilitators – consider volunteering!

Our Chapter implemented Sigma Nu’s groundbreaking LEAD (Leadership, Ethics, Achievement, & Development) Program and is excited about the prospects it brings. In order to increase the value to the membership and chapter, they are looking for alumni and faculty facilitators to assist. Several alumni have already volunteered to assist in the development of our young men. In 2011-12 we started utilizing GSU’s City Campus/E-Zone for LEAD which is one of the benefits of being a founding and continuing sponsor of the E-Zone.

LEAD – Phase 1

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Fraternity | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Ethics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. History | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Leadership: The Basics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Leadership & Working in Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Project Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Sigma Nu Organization & Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Ritual: The End...The Beginning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Risk Reduction | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Community Service (Optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Values | <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Time Management (Optional) |

The LEAD program has prepared facilitator manuals, handouts, audio/visual materials, a web interface, on-line exams/quizzes, and handbooks. For volunteer facilitators there is a website and on-line materials to help you prepare. LEAD Phase 1 is designed for the candidate period; LEAD Phases 2-4 are for follow-on years in school – all designed to prepare members to be better brothers, leaders, citizens, and for the world of work.

For more information on LEAD please visit the chapter website (www.sigmanugsu.com), Sigma Nu’s LEAD site at <http://www.sigmanu.org/programs/lead/index.php> or www.sigmanu.org. If you are interested in learning more or possibly facilitating, please fax this to 404-478-8887, email a note to alumni@sigmanugsu.com, or contact our LEAD Advisor on the AAB, alumnus **Larry Sands, ThK 325**, at 912-210-7646 or lsands@valleycrest.com.

- I am interested in helping with LEAD at GSU! Name: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____