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## Process for Chapter Eternal

Sigma Nu Fraternity – Theta Kappa Chapter  
Georgia Southern University

The passing of a brother to Chapter Eternal or a loved one is a very emotional time for everyone, but especially the spouse and the family. We do not want to impose or create additional stress for anyone.

The Alumni, if not the Collegiate Chapter, will:

- Post a remembrance on our private Facebook
- Post a remembrance on our website (private)
- Post a remembrance on the funeral home site
- Notify the General Fraternity HQs
- Notify the GSU Alumni Office
- Remove the email from our listing

Recommended actions for members:

- Confer three white roses to the spouse or family
- Express our deepest sympathy to the family
- If the alumnus is a very active alumnus, donor, or volunteer the House Corporation may send one dozen white roses to the family or service or other appropriate arrangement as determined.

**Why three white roses?** – This is a tradition started by some alumni in the early 2000s and formalized in 2012 when two founding alumni passed within a few months of each other. Prior to that we addressed each occasion uniquely and often erratically. The White Rose is a symbol of our great fraternity representing the purity of purpose and change – in this case the change or transition to Chapter Eternal or the passing of a close one. It is also an outward symbol extended to a brothers' spouse/sweetheart, his mother, and his sister. A single white rose or three white roses may be presented upon the passing of a mother, father, sibling, child or spouse of a brother in a similar manner. Of note: the official white rose is not generally commercially available, so standard white roses are used in place of the official flower.

### The Three (3) White Roses represent:

1. The first rose is from the local collegiate chapter where he began his ΣΝ journey and was initiated.
2. The second rose is given on behalf of our alumni, Alumni Chapter, House Corporation, and Alumni Advisory Board as he will always be a ΘΚ alumnus.
3. The third rose is on behalf of the General Fraternity and all members of "The Legion of Honor", who we all belong to forever as ours is not just a lifetime membership, but forever.

We pass from our Theta Kappa Chapter to the Chapter Eternal of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

It is appropriate to "drape" the badge with a black ribbon or piece of cloth as symbolized on the right.

To be read to the family or spouse (in private, usually at visitation) or something similar:

*"We present these three white roses to you as a symbol of our purity of purpose, inevitable change, and the love for our brother – they are presented on behalf and are symbolic of the Theta Kappa Collegiate Chapter, our Alumni, and our great fraternity, the Legion of Honor, who (name) will forever be a member of and will not be forgotten. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with you and the family during these difficult times."*



A "draped" Sigma Nu badge signifying the passing of a brother.

These images/graphics are suitable for using on Facebook, websites, or a remembrance note, but they are not official symbols of the fraternity, but a local tradition of our chapter.

On a bi-annual basis Sigma Nu Fraternity reads all members who have passed and were reported in the previous biennium at Grand Chapter (even years) in a very moving ceremony that officially records their name into the Grand Chapter record. Our chapter replicates a simpler ceremony in even years at Homecoming at our annual alumni meeting. Any family members attending are presented with a single white rose in remembrance of the brother.

### **Alternate Presentations:**

When presenting to a brother, alumnus, or parent on the passing of a family member or loved one that is not a Sigma Nu including notable dignitaries that are close to the chapter or the Greek community.

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*The 3 White Roses represent:*

1. The first rose is from the Collegiate Chapter of brother who suffered the loss.
2. The second rose is from the Alumni Chapter, House Corporation, and Alumni Advisory Board.
3. The third rose is presented on behalf of the General Fraternity – “The Legion of Honor”.

It is appropriate to “drape” the badge with a black ribbon as symbolized above when a brother passes or he suffers a loss within his family as a sign of the support of his brotherhood.

**Possible reading to be read or given to the brother (in private) or usually at visitation or graveside:**

*“We present these three white roses to you as a symbol of our purity of purpose, inevitable change, and the love for you, our brother, in the loss you have suffered. We stand beside you and support you in this difficult time. These roses are presented on behalf and are symbolic of the Theta Kappa Collegiate Chapter, our Alumni, and our great fraternity, the Legion of Honor, which you will forever be a member of. We offer our deepest sympathies and prayers to you and your family during these difficult times.”*

**Possible reading to be read or given to the family (in private) or usually at visitation or graveside:**

*“We present these three white roses, a symbol of Sigma Nu Fraternity, to you as a lasting symbol for the loss you have suffered. We stand beside you and support you in this difficult time. These roses are presented on behalf and are symbolic of the Sigma Nu Collegiate Chapter from Georgia Southern University, our Alumni, and Sigma Nu Fraternity. We offer our deepest sympathies and prayers to you and your family during these difficult times.”*

**Conferring of Three White Roses:**



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