



Sigma Theta Epsilon

National Conclave of Chapters

April 8-10, Louisville, Kentucky

Conclave Journal - 2011  
Compiled by the National Secretary

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## **Conclave Location & Hotel Information**

Conclave will be held at:

The Hyatt Place Louisville East  
701 South Hurstbourne Parkway,  
Louisville, KY 40222  
(502) 426-0119

<http://louisvilleeast.place.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/place/index.jsp>

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, April 8th

- 3:00 Registration and free time. Dinner on your own.
- 9:00 National Officer Business Meeting
- 10:30 Secret Meeting of the Saints – Location TBD

### Saturday, April 9th

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:45 Devotional
- 9:00 Roll Call of Chapters
- 9:15 Announcements & Discussion
- 9:45 Housing Corporation Meeting and Q&A
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Business
- 12:00 Lunch (On your own)
- 1:30 Business Continued
- 3:45 National Officer + Chapter President Meeting
- 4:30 Love Feast-Chapter awards-(Open Event)
- 6:30 Leave for Dinner –Location TBA

### Sunday, April 10th

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Devotional, Drawing and Dismissal

Office of the National President

Please see the Pre-Conclave Journal for his report.

Office of the National Vice President

No new report filed - See Pre-Conclave Journal for partial report.

Office of the National Secretary

Brothers,

Looking at last year's yearly report, I almost thought I had written it for this year. Communication has again been hard this year. I pray that the new National Secretary will be able to further this office where I wasn't able to.

This brotherhood has meant many things to me. I pray that it will grow and prosper in the future.

Alexander L Johnson

National Secretary 2009-2011

National Treasurer/Financial Director 2004-2009

Office of the National Treasurer

Please see the Pre-Conclave Journal for his report.

Office of the National Pledgemaster  
Sigma Theta Epsilon  
Year-End Report, 2010-2011

Dear Brothers,

This past year has been a trying one for Sigma Theta Epsilon. We have unfortunately lost two chapters and as of my writing up this report, I have received feedback from one chapter that they do not have any spring pledges. Brothers, this is disheartening and concerning. Our five current chapters are strong chapters, but this does not mean we can sit back and be complacent. We must be proactive if we want to not only reverse the trends we've seen, but rejuvenate Sigma Theta on a national level.

My office is certainly an integral part of that line of thinking. We now have a pledge registration document to not only keep track of brothers coming into the fraternity, but also be able to pass that information to alumni directors to keep up with brothers as they leave. I am still attempting to gather feedback from chapter Pledgemasters to create a "self-help" document of ideas that have worked (and not worked) during the pledge period. It has also been suggested to me that maybe it's time (and I agree) to really look at our pledge process and see if big changes need to be made. Although I am up for re-election at this year's Conclave, I am looking toward the next two years and making that a goal.

As individual chapters and individual Brothers, we must take responsibility for this Brotherhood. As I have said for two years now, this Brotherhood is a fraternity, and it's time we start acting like one. We must embrace the fact that it's not all about numbers, and not every man that we meet is the best fit for Sigma Theta. Were we all perfect Brothers? No, and that's myself included. I understand that we are also a Christian organization and that we inherently want to be accepting, loving, and not turn anyone away. But we must be more than just a group of 'good guys' that meets once a week. We are a fraternity of Brothers, and until we all accept this, progress cannot take place. We must all be Rush chairs, Pledgemasters, and Big Brothers. Building this fraternity starts with the men coming into it, and it's our responsibility to ensure that they are men who truly embrace what it means to be a Brother of Sigma Theta Epsilon.

Brothers, I urge you to pray about the direction of our fraternity. I welcome your insight and feedback into where we need to go heading forward. I hope and pray that Sigma Theta will be strong and growing in the years to come.

Philo,

Scott Sieber  
Sigma Theta Epsilon  
National Pledgemaster

Office of the National Alumni Director

No report filed.

# 2010-2011 Alpha Gamma Chapter

No Report Submitted

# 2010-2011 Epsilon Chapter

Date: April 7, 2011

Chapter: Epsilon

President: Raymond Holmes

Current Numbers: Actives: 43, Associates: 1, Pledges: 2, Inactives: 2

Please tell us what your chapter has done in the three program areas:

**Service:** We perform monthly canned food drives to benefit the local food pantry. Last fall, we helped a social sorority and fraternity with a "rake-and-run." We completed a "Dorm Storm" where brothers went through dorms asking for spare change, and all money was donated to continued Haiti relief. We are looking to team up with other campus groups to perform service work outside of Ada.

**Social:** Our social events are typically parties including our fall "New Year's" party, Halloween party, Winter Rave, Valentine Day's party, and St. Patrick's Day party. Our last three events have had substantially greater attendance than those in the fall with many non-ΣΘΕ attendees. All parties end with prayer to ensure we are spreading the Christian message to those that come. We also have Pancake nights every Thursday night with Kappa Phi (a Christian sisterhood on campus) where brothers can socialize while having a late snack. We also have intramural basketball, volleyball, and soccer teams that compete the in university intramural leagues.

**Religious:** We perform a weekly Bible study where all students on campus are invited. All brothers have been assigned to small groups which are used in break-out sessions during brotherhood to give testimonials and discuss our faith. A prayer list is emailed every week after brotherhood of the joys and concerns of brothers. Worship nights are held every Wednesday to sing praise songs.

**Additional Points:**

**House:** We are working with the Housing Corp. to complete renovations in the house including residing the house, installing new gutters, and renovating one or both bathrooms. Due to a change in the university's housing policy, the house can only be lived in by brothers that meet the university's "living off-campus requirements" which typically includes only fourth year or older students.

**Growth:** Our focus this year is to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. Last year's spring pledge class and this past fall's pledge class brought us a total of twenty-one new brothers. Though ten brothers are to receive the Degree of the Knotted Rope this spring, we have still increased our numbers. Our current pledge class started with three and is now to two. With this influx of so many new brothers, we have turned our focus to getting to know one another better through small groups and the promotion of attendance to all fraternity events; to see that all brothers are aware of events, we send a weekly email after brotherhood listing the events coming up that week.

After serving our brotherhood for more than a decade, our advisor, Rev. Wayne Albertson, is retiring. We are currently in the process of finding a new advisor.

## 2010-2011 Beta Delta Chapter

Greetings,

This year has been an eventful year where the Beta Delta chapter had significant gains and a small setback. The year began to a great start. During our recruitment process we got to know six great men that I am happy to call Brothers now. They truly demonstrated the qualities of a Brother of Sigma Theta Epsilon. These six men, joined our brotherhood last November determined to be good Christian men and to continue the efforts of the fraternity to bring events to campus that would help the community, entertain our fellow students on campus and to grow in our Christian faith.

The chapter has participated and collaborated with different departments around school such as our University Ministry and Campus Activities. Recently we participated in our school's diversity event where we showcased the Diversity of the Christian Faith. The Beta Delta chapter has also hosted our schools weekly mass. During one of our socials we also showed our religious side to the university community with "Love Feast".

The chapter hosted many events and service projects such as "Smores with the Sigmas," "Lake Cleanup," and our annual Halloween dance "Monster Mash Bash" among other events. All of our events have been very successful receiving great positive feedback from the attendees.

This year we really tried to do more at our long-term service location, which is with the children home of St. Peter's and St. Joseph's (St. PJs). We decided to give a portion of our money fundraised to St. PJs. The brotherhood also decided to do more events with the kids. In February, our Brothers put on a carnival for the kids who do not have a chance many times to have a moment of relaxation and fun. This carnival was a complete success and the smiles on the faces of the kids told us so. Our commitment to help St. PJs with any of their events continued by participating and helping in the coordination of their first annual "Pancake Run" and their annual fundraiser the "Red Shoe Gala." The brotherhood has pledged to continue our support for St. PJs.

At the beginning of this semester, an incident with a few members of our chapter resulted in the school sanctioning us for the year. The incident was seen as an organization event since school policy states that if three or more members are at the same location, it is considered a school event. The members involved have all taken full responsibility of their actions and they now are helping the Brotherhood get back on track. They have come up with different events that will help the sanctions to be removed. Brothers from the fraternity stepped up and filled the offices that became vacant. Devotionals were a big part of the brotherhood during these hard times. We remain strong and confident that with the guidance of God we will be able to overcome this small misstep and we are determined to come back stronger than we were before.

Some events for the remaining of the semester include "Burgers with the Sigmas" and our annual "Tap on Theology". We have also been invited to our institution's annual leadership banquet where some of our brothers have the chance to win awards and be recognized for all of the community service that we have done in the past year.

The Brothers continue to grow in our Christian faith through many devotionals. One brother in particular has joined the church in recent weeks by receiving his first communion and his confirmation as a Catholic Christian man. Through STE we will all continue to be guided to be Christian men of service and brotherhood.

Currently we have 18 actives, 4 associates and 4 inactives. We look forward in continuing being leaders on campus by bringing our religious, social and service activities to the university community and we hope to soon see a growth in chapters of Sigma Theta Epsilon near our chapter.

Thank you and God Bless,  
David Romo  
Beta Delta President

# 2010-2011 Beta Epsilon Chapter

## Beta Epsilon Chapter Report

Beta Epsilon chapter has been working hard on trying to get people rededicate to the Fraternity. We have young leadership now, so we are just starting to get the hang of things. We started off the semester trying to get better acquainted with the Christian sorority on campus, Kappa Phi by planning several event and parties together. Unfortunately, our small numbers prevent us from being able to try to get a lot of publicity on campus, but we have been trying our best to get our name out there by throwing several parties such as our Superbowl party to kick off our rush week. We advertised our rush all over campus, but to our luck a blizzard hit that week cancelling school and keeping kids indoors. We tried taking the activities to them, but with very little notice on location change, we didn't get much of a turnout resulting in no pledges for us this semester. We are already working on recruiting for next semester and planning out strategies to make sure this does not happen again. Service wise, we have been volunteering at several locations around campus and are finishing planning a few more service events on and around campus. Our retreat is coming up in a few weeks that we are starting to get excited about. God is working in so many ways with men of Sigma Theta Epsilon here in Peoria, and although our numbers are small, we are a strong, united Fraternity that is able to celebrate and worship our Lord and Savior and help share God's love with our classmates around campus.

# 2010-2011 Beta Zeta Chapter

No Report Submitted

# 2010-2011 Beta Eta Chapter

No Report Submitted

## 2010-2011 Delta Chapter

No report Submitted - No Members

## 2010-2011 Beta Kappa Chapter

No report Submitted - No Members

## 2010-2011 Beta Gamma Chapter

No report Submitted - No Members

## 2010-2011 Beta Iota Chapter

Charter Revoked

## 2010-2011 Beta Theta Chapter

Charter Revoked

## **Agenda Item – Conclave Slate of Cities**

Here is our slate of cities for Conclave 2012, a Constitutionally optional Conclave.

### Primary

Indianapolis, IN

Louisville, KY

Nashville, TN

Columbus, OH

### Secondary

St Louis, MO

Memphis, TN

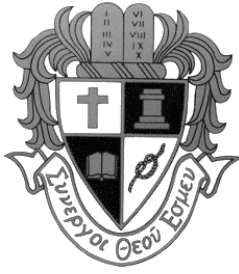
Dayton, OH

Lexington, KY

## **Other National Officers – Appointed by the board for 2009-2011**

National Historian – Aaron Aldridge

National IT Director – Alexander Johnson, Joshua Parsell



# Sigma Theta Epsilon

National Christian Fraternity

Housing Corporation

Office of the Chief Executive Office

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Conclave 2011 Report

Brothers,

Since Fall Gathering of last year not much of significance has happened with the Housing Corporation. We're continuing to work with the Epsilon house to affect repairs and improvements that will help the house. Our plans this spring and summer include putting up new siding and gutter on the house as well as remodel the upstairs bathroom. Ohio Northern University changes from quarters to semesters for the 2011-2012 school year so that is going to be an adjustment for all of us – both for the active chapter brothers in adjusting their entire academic curriculum and for Housing Corp as we are adjusting our budgeting and leasing schedules.

I would like to put it out there that if there is any chapter that would like to look into getting a managed house at your school to please contact either myself or Nick Waggamon regarding that. Housing Corp would love to help your chapter have a house for meetings and events. As nice as I can imagine school facilities are, there's just something nice about a local brotherhood having a space to call your own.

Overall, I have enjoyed working for the Housing Corporation and will strive to continue to work with the chapters and the national fraternity to further our purpose in managing chapter houses.

Regards and Philoi,

Dave Scherpelz

Director

Sigma Theta Epsilon Housing Corporation