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HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IS OFFICIALLY DECOMMISSIONED

"I thought it was a display of honor and respect to the Brothers that came before us, and a fitting tribute to our founders."

When Robert Champ, Cameron, was asked about the Marvin Millsap Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters Decommissioning Ceremony, those were just a few words of his emotional and thoughtful response.

On the first Saturday in November, the Sigma Tau Gamma Board of Directors, along with the HQ Staff, hosted the official Decommissioning Ceremony of the Marvin Millsap Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters.

Many people attended the ceremony, including past professional staff, current undergraduates, and Golden Chain of Honor members. CEO Emeritus Bill Bernier, Kent State, served as the emcee for the event and shared his thoughts on the history of 101 Ming Street.

"It is bittersweet to be standing here with you for this occasion," Bernier said. "Nearly 50 years ago in August 1968, Founder Emmett Ellis journeyed from Warrensburg to Milwaukee for the 23rd Grand Chapter. There he appealed to the delegates to move the Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters from rented space in Webster Groves, MO, to a permanent headquarters on the Founding Site in Warrensburg. They agreed."

As the cool, crisp evening came to a close in Warrensburg on November 4, all in attendance had one final toast to the Marvin Millsap Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters Building.



5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SIG TAU THIS MONTH

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HQ Closed

HQ will be closed from December 23 through January 1. We wish you and your family a wonderful Holiday Season.

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Atlanta Alumni Reception

On November 30th Sig Tau held an Alumni Reception in Atlanta, Georgia. A State of the Fraternity update was given by 39th National President Jonathan Proehl, and CEO Steve Latour.

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HQ is Hiring

HQ is currently looking for qualified candidates for several positions. For more information about each position, please visit sigtau.org and apply today.

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Sig Tau is Growing

With the expansion of the Zeta Tau Chapter at Iowa State University, Sig Tau is in 31 states and counting. Sig Tau is proud to have 81 chapters, more than 3,000 undergraduate members, and over 61,000 living alumni.

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#GivingTuesday Goal Reached

Together, we raised over \$6,500 for #GivingTuesday. Thank you for your support in helping Sig Tau Endeavor Forward.



BROTHERS LEARN TO LEAD AT NOBLE MAN INSTITUTE

During the second weekend of November, over 150 new members from across the nation packed their bags and hit the road to one of four locations for the second annual Noble Man Institute. The four locations that were offered this year were Deckers, Colorado; Hardwick, New Jersey; Carlinville, Illinois; and Ellijay, Georgia.

The weather was a bit colder than what attendees had been hoping for, but they enjoyed themselves nonetheless. New members participated in regular discussions about values and leadership, evaluated the six Principles in depth, and even got the chance to face their fear of heights with zip lines and high ropes challenges. Alumni also attended a portion of the program where new members got the opportunity to hear about the Alumni experience and what it means to be involved with Sig Tau in the years after graduation.



"Being a part of a new chapter, Noble Man Institute is a great opportunity to learn about how other chapters operate and to see the positives that can be incorporated into a developing chapter," Andrew Alsot, a Founding Father of the Zeta Tau Associate Chapter at Iowa State, said. "I highly recommend attending Noble Man Institute as there are many opportunities for learning, discovery, and networking with some great Sig Tau brothers."

The outcome of this leadership program has been positive: brothers left with a clear vision for themselves and the future of their chapter. The men were truly inspired to go back to their chapters and share with everyone what they had learned during this leadership development program.

Many of the facilitators were upperclassman, like Jake Armuth, Purdue, who were eager to participate in the program. "After attending the Noble Man Institute as a new member last year, I knew that I wanted to help the program in any way I could, so when the application came out to be a facilitator, I was very excited," Armuth said. "The program goes beyond typical leadership instruction and gives both attendees and facilitators the opportunity to learn through sharing experiences and ideas."



SIG TAU SETS RECORD FOR FALL RECRUITMENT NUMBERS

As the 2017 fall semester comes to a close, the men of Sigma Tau Gamma have succeeded in setting a new recruitment record. This fall 910 Noble Men were recruited into the Brotherhood. This surpasses numbers from the previous fall by more than 100 new brothers.

As our fraternity grows and recruits larger numbers of men, ChapterBuilder has been a key component to successful recruitment. Currently 71 percent of our chapters are using ChapterBuilder, and more than half of the chapters have an alumni coach helping them through the recruitment process with ChapterBuilder.

With spring recruitment just around the corner, it is a great idea to begin preparing, setting goals, and familiarizing yourself and your chapter with ChapterBuilder.



#GIVINGTUESDAY AND OUR BROTHERHOOD

Throughout the month of November, our members shared their #MyGivingStory about their friendships, the brotherhood, and the life-changing relationships that they would not have had without their membership in Sigma Tau Gamma.

The #MyGivingStory campaign captured stories from a fraction of our membership in the days and weeks leading to #GivingTuesday. On November 28, 2017, \$6,698.73 was donated to the Sig Tau Foundation by undergraduate members, alumni, HQ staff, and Friends of Sig Tau.



Foundation Board of Trustee Member Paul Mueller, Cleveland State shared this on #GivingTuesday, "Fifty years ago, my brothers in Sigma Tau Gamma took a shy kid and gave me the opportunity to develop the leadership skills that have served me well in every aspect of my life. They showed me that success involves the application of six Principles and that following these Principles often includes hard work, some of which will never be noticed. The full debt I owe Sigma Tau Gamma can never be repaid in full, but I will continue to do my best to help out my current undergraduate brothers."

CHAPTER VISITS

Since the last SAGA Monthly, HQ Staff has made on-site visits to the following chapters:

Arizona
Black Hills State
Carroll
Colorado State
Henderson State

Iowa State
Minnesota State - Moorhead
Missouri
Nebraska
Robert Morris

UW - Stevens Point
UW - Whitewater
Wayne State



SIG TAU MARKETPLACE

MARKETPLACE ITEM OF THE MONTH

The Sig Tau Marketplace item of the month are the Sigma Tau Gamma graduation cords. Visit the [Sig Tau Marketplace](#) to be ready for graduation today.