

FIRST-EVER NATIONAL VIRTUAL RITUAL OF INITIATION

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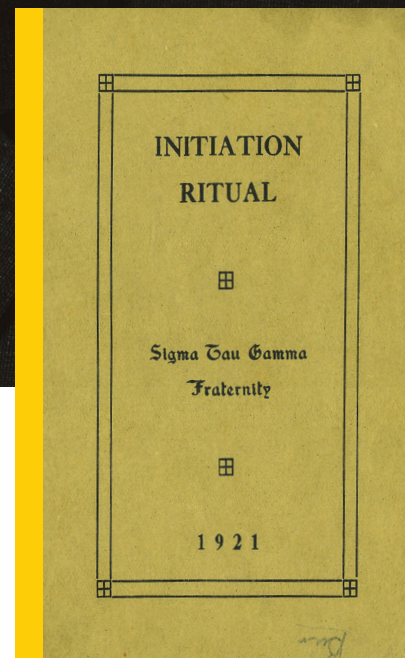
In the last week of September, national volunteers and headquarters staff hosted the first-ever virtual ritual of initiation. This new opportunity was for any brothers who joined during the spring semester and had their initiation affected by COVID-19.

National volunteers including 40th National President Jim Johnston, Carnegie Mellon; Director Joe Gallo, Michigan Tech.; Trustee Mike Van Camp, Indiana State; Society of the Seventeen Inductees Buz Barlow, UW – Oshkosh and Michael Shermer, Illinois State; and Recruitment & Growth Coordinator Zack Kearney, UNC Charlotte conducted the Ritual of Initiation, guiding our newest brothers in the next step of their journey in Sigma Tau Gamma.

The group wanted our newest members to understand they were going to be a part of something special, and while conducted virtually, the significance of this moment would not be lost.

"It was historical, and I am so honored I was able to be a part of the ritual team to conduct the virtual initiation," Van Camp said. "The ritual was very effective virtually. We had vets running the show, so we could adapt to host a meaningful ceremony. In our 100 year history of Sig Tau, there are not many 'firsts' left to be had, and I am extremely happy for all who were involved be a part of this historic moment."

In total, 35 brothers from 11 chapters across the country participated in the virtual initiation. Van Camp expressed that no matter the format, the Ritual of Initiation is a life-changing experience that gains more respect over time.



"I always enjoy the opportunity to witness our initiation. Each time, I gain more and more respect for the ritual. As an alumnus, seeing new initiates go through initiation is fantastic. Getting to fulfill the Chain of Honor by welcoming new brothers is what it's all about."

Because of the success, there will be three more opportunities for new members to participate in a virtual ritual of initiation on November 8, 9, and 15.

THREE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SIG TAU THIS MONTH

1

WEBSITE UPDATES

This month, the website received numerous updates, including new content, re-organizing pages, and adding resources.

2

EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

The Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation selected 53 applicants to receive emergency relief funds based on educational needs such as books, tuition, and class fees.

3

APPLY TO BE A FOUNDATION TRUSTEE

The Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation is actively seeking candidates to serve on the Board of Trustees. Are you interested in serving Sigma Tau Gamma as a Trustee? [Apply](#) today.





DELTA ALUMNI DEMONSTRATE CITIZENSHIP

Allen Community College Director of Student Life Josiah D'Albini, Emporia State, found himself spending his entire workday in the school cafeteria. The lunch options that day were a spicy chicken sandwich, Salisbury steak, peas and carrots, and broccoli cheese soup.

Just before lunchtime on October 1, a kitchen employee was notified they had been in close contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19. Immediately upon notification, the entire Allen Community College kitchen staff were all placed in quarantine, leaving no one to serve students meals.

"It was a very hectic day. We didn't have time to call a partner food service provider, so we stepped in to do the right thing by our students," D'Albini said. "Soon after lunch, we had to think about dinner quickly. Thankfully, local food companies stepped in to help provide dinner for our students."

Standing next to D'Albini was Allen Community College President John Masterson, Emporia State.

"John is also a Sig Tau who was initiated into the Delta Chapter. He is always there for our students and the student experience. Seeing a brother in his role as campus president serve students makes me proud of our brotherhood."

In total, D'Albini and his coworkers served students in a new way for the next 11 days. Through this, he learned that a strong team could do anything.

"It was stressful at first, but it turned out to be a great experience for our campus. It allowed us to interact with students in a unique way, and that with everyone working together, we can provide quality education in a quality atmosphere."

CITIZENSHIP



NOBLE NEWS

Would you like to share news with the Sig Tau community? Submit your news [here](#).



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TWO YEARS AGO, ON OCTOBER 20, THE ZETA LAMBDA CHAPTER AT NEVADA RENO RECEIVED THEIR CHARTER.

THE MEN OF PHI CHAPTER AT SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA CELEBRATE HOMECOMING WEEK.



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THE BROTHERS AT THE BETA XI CHAPTER AT WINONA STATE CONTINUE TO EXTEND BIDS... NINE NEW BROTHERS AND COUNTING.

BROTHERS FROM THE ZETA PHI ASSOCIATE CHAPTER AT CARROLL HOST A PUMPKIN SMASH BENEFITTING SPECIAL OLYMPICS.



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**SIGMA TAU GAMMA
PUMPKIN SMASH**



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THE GAMMA PHI CHAPTER AT SOUTHERN INDIANA IS CROWNED GREEK WEEK CHAMPS.

NOBLE MEN FROM THE EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER AT UMASS LOWELL PARTICIPATE IN A VIRTUAL 5K ON CAMPUS.



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

This month, we feature the Gamma Alpha Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania. The Gamma Alpha Chapter received their charter in 1965, and 587 brothers have been initiated.

