



**50th Anniversary
Banquet
Florida Iota Chapter
of
SIGMA PHI EPSILON
April 7, 2018**

Schedule of Events
50th Anniversary Weekend

Thursday, April 5th
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Informal Gathering
USF Embassy Suites Lobby Area

Friday, April 6th
7:30 PM – 10:30 PM

Founders Reception
Home of Ann & Stan Blank

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

All Members Welcome Gathering
Skipper's Smokehouse

Saturday, April 7th
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Initiation Ceremonies
Sigma Phi Epsilon House
(Kappa Delta Chapter Room)

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

No Host Lunch
Beef O'Brady's

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Campus\House Tour

5:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Banquet
USF Alumni Center

9:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Dance

Sunday, April 8th

Breakfast
ΣΦΕ Golf BMS Tournament

PROGRAM
April 7, 2018

Master of Ceremonies (MC)	Dr. Frank L. Goldstein
Presentation of the Flags	USF Joint ROTC Honor Guard
National Anthem	USF ROTC Cadet
Brother Remembrance	MC
Invocation	Mr. Bill J. Kalbas
Introduction of Guests	MC

BANQUET

Presentation of Roses	Mr. Bill J. Kalbas Mr. Alan Norris Mr. Henry Garcia
History	Dr. Frank L. Goldstein Mr. Steven F. Rinck Mr. Joe DiGregorio Mr. Bob Novack
Newest Inductee	Mr. Jim Coppens
Comments of Special Guests USF Office of the President Sigma PHI Epsilon HQ Staff Florida Iota's First Advisor	President Judy Genshaft Mr. Kevin J. Knudson Mr. "Ray" C. King
Thank You For The Memories Sigma PHI Epsilon Undergraduate Chapter USF Alumni Center (Mr. Bob Herron) 50th Anniversary Planning Committee All Attendees SigEp, Rum Rum Song	Mr. Peter R. Pages Brotherhood/MC

INTERMISSION

Dance

HISTORY

Sigma Phi Epsilon (ΣΦΕ), commonly abbreviated SigEp or SPE, founded on November 1, 1901, at Richmond College (now the University of Richmond), and its national headquarters remains in Richmond, Virginia. It was founded on three principles: Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. Sigma Phi Epsilon is one of the largest social fraternities in the United States in terms of current undergraduate membership.

In the fall of 1900 eighteen year-old divinity student Carter Ashton Jenkins, transferred from Rutgers College of New Jersey to Richmond College. By early October, 1901, Jenkins had persuaded the group, which had grown to twelve men, to try and establish a chapter of Chi Phi at Richmond. The group's request for a charter was met with refusal as the national fraternity felt that Richmond College was too small to host a Chi Phi chapter. Jenkins and his friends therefore founded their own fraternity.

The new fraternity took shape and on November 1, 1901. It listed the twelve founding members in this order: Carter Ashton Jenkins, Benjamin Donald Gaw, William Hugh Carter, William Andrew Wallace, Thomas Temple Wright, William Lazelle Phillips, Lucian Baum Cox, Richard Spurgeon Owens, Edgar Lee Allen, Robert Alfred McFarland, Franklin Webb Kerfoot and Thomas Vaden McCaul. After much discussion, the group settled on a secret motto and called their fraternity Sigma Phi. Shortly afterwards, the founders met and decided to rename the fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon.

SPE colors of dark red and royal purple were chosen to represent fraternity, while the golden heart was chosen as the fraternity's symbol. The principles of Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love, were chosen as "The Three Cardinal Principles". Upon the shield are inscribed, in gold, the Greek-letters of the fraternity, ΣΦΕ, and below these letters, a skull and crossbones. The meaning of these symbols is divulged during the initiation ritual and known to members only.

Florida Iota Chapter, University of South Florida, Tampa FL

The Florida Iota Chapter was founded May 25th, 1968. We are one of the original fraternities at USF and the most successful. We consistently have one of the highest G.P.A.s and are well above campus average. We have won many awards including the 2014 Excelsior Cup for excellence in member development and the 2014 Grand Chapter Scholarship Cup for excellence in academics. In 2016 we won the Excelsior Cup for excellence in recruitment and the IFC Chapter Retention Award. Our 2014 president Romero was awarded the 2014 Chapter President of the Year award across all fraternities and sororities. Our previous president Ralph Herz was honored with a J. Edward Zollinger Outstanding Senior Award at the Carlson Leadership Academy. SigEp was founded on the ideal that, "this Fraternity will be different", with the Cardinal Principles of Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love. Our mission is "Building Balanced Men," which is achieved through a commitment to Sound Mind and Sound Body. A member in the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity is a man of good moral character who is eligible for membership therein.

In December 2014, Sigma Phi Epsilon added another First to its long line of fraternity firsts when it became the first fraternity in the North-American Interfraternity Conference to accept transgender men as members. The National Board of Directors passed the policy by an 8-0 majority vote with three abstentions.

MEMORIAL

It is with a heavy heart that not all our brothers are here tonight. We lost our first Florida Iota member on the night of our founding. We have lost other Brothers along the way and each has contributed to this brotherhood. Their memories will remain with those of us who knew them till our own passing.

Brothers

Marcus Brown

John Corry

Bruce Currie

Tim Daley

Steve Ganio

Thomas Green

Troy Kimmes

Shawn Lawless

Raymond Logan

Troy Lowry

John McCracken III

Joseph Morton

Tom Northam

Marc Page

James Salvatori

Gregory Sanders

Richard Smith

**We honor these Brothers and any others
whose passing we were not aware of.**

Charter Members as presented in the May 25, 1968 Program

Chapter Counselor: Mr. Raymond C. King

Chapter Officers:

**President - Richard Franklin Smith
Vice President – James Donald Bean
Controller- Steven Frederick Rinck
Secretary – Henry Paul Garcia
Recorder – Bruce Charles Grunsten
Chaplain – William John Kalbas**

Actives

**Stanley Dennis Blank
Marcus Thomas Brown
John Lee Dugger
James Vincent Goins
Frank Louis Goldstein
Edward Rayloy Knight
Wayne Craig Love
John William McCracken, III
Robert Dwight Maas**

**John Murray Medaglia
Fred Michael Otero
Peter Ronald Pages
Donald Clayton Rose, II
Paul Eugene Russ
Anthony Paul Stone
Karl Heinz Weiland
Robert Michael Wilson**

Alumni

**George Maier Hartig
Jerome Patrick Kane
Joseph George Morton
Kenneth James O'Connor, Jr**

**Ronald Thomas Shaw
Elza Lee Sizemore, Jr.
Howard Arthur Vedner**

Our First 60 Brothers

First Year Initiatives

FOUNDERS

MAY 25, 1968

1. Richard Franklin Smith
2. James Donald Bean
3. Steven Frederick Rinck
4. Henry Paul Garcia
5. Bruce Charles Grunsten
6. William John Kalbas
7. John Lee Dugger
8. James Vincent Goins
9. Karl Heinz Wieland
10. Frank Louis Goldstein
11. Stanley Dennis Black
12. Donald Clayton Rose II
13. Robert Michael Wilson
14. Wayne Craig Love
15. Paul Eugene Russell
16. John Murray Medaglia
17. John William McCracken III
18. Robert Dwight Maas
19. Edward Rayloy Knight
20. Marcus Thomas Brown
21. Peter Ronald Pages
22. Anthony Paul Stone
23. Fred Michael Otero
24. Kenneth James O'Connor, Jr.
25. Joseph George Morton
- 25a. Robert Bradley Thomson
(from Iowa Epsilon)

July 13, 1968

26. Joseph Leo Enright
27. William Winfred Kress
28. Peter Ridrigues, Jr.
29. Frank Anthony Rodante
30. Howell Burton Loper, Jr.

October 18, 1968

31. Albert Warren Blevins
32. John Eric Bylander

January 6, 1969

33. Macon Caldwell Overton, Jr.
34. Joseph Michael Mericka
35. George John Cotelis, Jr.
36. Stephen William Daignault
37. Michael Vail Rasmussen
38. Roland Anthony Rosello
39. Andres Julian Ruiz
40. Robert Eliot Shifrin

February 3, 1969

41. Rensular Vance Pearson, Jr.
42. Alan Charles Norris

April 4, 1969

43. Thomas Leighton Parker
44. Dean Richard Martinson

September 28, 1969

45. James Edward Bauer
46. Robert Glen Wilder
47. Ralph Lawrence Russell

January 11, 1970

48. William Raymond Bundy
49. Thomas Wesley Johnson, Jr.
50. Lawrence Hall Chandler
51. Michael Thomas Postek, Jr.

Later 1970 Initiates

52. Kerwin Levon Beitelshees
53. Lawrence Richard Peters
54. James Michael McKenna III
55. David Paul Westridge
56. Joseph Maglica
57. Raymond Allen Logan
58. Leonard Thomas Harvey
59. Douglas Craig McCracken
60. Marshall Alan Koppel

Florida Iota's 50 Year Anniversary spurred a number of the original founders to organize a 50th celebration. Their numbers were soon joined by brothers across the 50 year spectrum. Brotherhood was definitely inspiring as brothers reached out to brothers across generational lines.

The Brotherhood planning committee and each brother is to be complimented for their dedication and good work.

50th Anniversary Planning Committee

Bill Kalbas (Co-Chair)
Joe DiGregorio, Esq. (Co-Chair)
Frank Goldstein
Steve Rinck
Karl Wieland
Peter Ronald Pages
Al Norris

Florida Iota Chapter

President: Mr. Anthony La Rosa

Golf Committee:

Mr. Michael Hodgin

Friday Founders Reception:

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Black

Communication Committee

Joe DiGregorio
Peter Ronald Pages

Friday Brother's Gathering

Skippers Smokehouse
Mr. Tom White (Florida Epsilon)

Finance

Steve Rinck
Karl Wieland

Program Committee

Frank Goldstein
Al Norris - Pictures
Frank Rodante - Music

Brother Inductee/Ritual Committee

James Coppens
Steve Rinck
Henry Garcia

Songs

Rum Rum

Rum, Rum, the footsteps coming
Beat like the sound of drumming
Beat for voices humming;
Sig Eps are we.

We'll march the road together and we will sing forever
This bond will never sever;
Sig Eps are we.

Mighty we'll always
Be a brotherhood of unity
Glory to the golden heart of our fraternity.

To Sigma our hearts our clinging
Phi through the air goes ringing
Epsilon we'll keep on singing;
Sig Eps are we.

Lamplighter

You make the day seem so much brighter, your smile would melt the snow,
You're Sig Ep's sweetheart, we think you should know;
You have a manner in your talking, that sets our hearts aglow,
You're Sig Ep's sweetheart, we all love you so.
And when we meet you on the street, you make our poor hearts skip a beat,
For you are such a lovely thing to see,
Each night I pray to God on high, as He looks down from up the sky,
To watch o'er you and keep you safe for me.
And as the days grow into years, we'll often gaze back through our tears,
Remembering the days that used to be;
To you dear sweetheart we're true now, as always we will be,
Sig Ep's devotion is deep as the sea.

