



Eta Iota of Sigma Chi



House Corporation

Holiday 2010 Newsletter

BRIAN LOJKO NEW CHAPTER ADVISOR

House Corporation Trustee Brian Lojko has accepted an offer from the Central Florida Grand Praetor, P.J. Stephens, to assume the role of Chapter Advisor at Eta Iota and had relinquished his role as an active HC Trustee. Brian replaces Tim Wargo who stepped down from the role due to overwhelming work and family commitments. HC will be addressing the Trustee vacancy after the holidays and we thank Brian for his service to the Board and look forward to assisting him in his new role as Chapter Advisor.

40th BIRTHDAY

Believe it or not the 40th Birthday Party is just around the corner March 31 – April 3, 2011. We already have many brothers signed up for the big event. Have you? Now is the time to start your planning – book your flight yet? Hotel? The Hilton Hotel still has rooms for \$109/night! Plan on golfing Friday? You can register and pay online for B-day & the Golf Tournament at www.Etalota.org, where you can also find more info on all the events.

FINAL 2010 PROJECTS

The final large scale project for 2010 is underway. Local A/C contractor DG Meyers will be installing the south wing central air conditioning system beginning the week of December 6th. Once complete, our building manager, Shannon Lytle, will remove the old individual window units from rooms 1 through 7 and permanently seal the existing openings. The addition of central air to the north and south wings reduces energy consumption, reduces repair and replacement costs, adds value and creates a better living environment for our brothers. As reported previously, the main house A/C system was overhauled earlier in the year in the hopes of gaining time before a replacement/upgrade strategy is put into motion. This marks the end, with exceptions of rooms 8 and 9, of a project that has been discussed or in the works for nearly a decade.

WALKTHROUGH

HC Vice-President Nick Weiss, Undergraduate House Manager Jason Auger and our building manger Shannon Lytle conducted an extensive walkthrough of the entire Eta Iota property in late November. HC is in the process of reviewing this list and determining triage based on order of importance. The walkthrough identified opportunities both in the common areas as well individual rooms. The bulk of work includes leaking faucets, inoperative bathroom vent fans, damaged door jambs, carpets, drywall repair and tile and grout work. Larger projects may include repair/replacement of rear decking, upgrading landscaping, parking lot repairs, exterior stucco repair, soffit work and so forth. A detailed list is forthcoming and will be reviewed by the Board and weighed against the existing fiscal budget.



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UNDERGRADUATE INITIATION

On November 13th our Eta Iota brothers initiated 16 candidates into Sigma Chi. PIT or Post Initiation Training (PIT) commences on the first Chapter meeting following the initiation for the new brothers and continues into the following semester. PIT covers a host of Sigma Chi “mechanics” as well as a deeper understanding of our philosophies and beliefs. PIT is actually a continuation of pledge training and reemphasizes the roles and responsibilities of the lifelong commitment. Congratulations to the new brothers and job well done to the undergraduates.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are right in the middle of the holiday season. Schools are preparing for winter break; families are getting ready to travel, attending parties, shopping and being reunited with loved ones. We all tend to get wrapped up in the spirit of the season but should also take a few minutes out of our busy schedules and remember what the season is truly about. I encourage you to take time out of your holiday agenda and think of those that are less fortunate, that may be suffering from physical or mental illness, are overseas fighting for what we believe in and remembering our fallen comrades and brothers and how you might be able to make a difference in their lives or the lives of their families. Savor in the company of friends and family and be thankful for all of our blessings.

I look forward to the continued success and challenges of our brotherhood as we roll into the New Year and work toward the betterment of our chapter and our fraternity. A heartfelt “thank-you” goes out to all of you who helped contribute to the achievement of our noble cause through your volunteer efforts.

Have a great holiday!

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Robert Tetrault, “Mr. Burns” 2002