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Spring 2023 Rush:

Fraters, rush this semester looked a little different than it has in semesters past. After the window for extending bids had closed and we had handed out 18 bids we were notified that Clarkson's limited window to accept the bid violated IFC guidelines. To comply with this regulation, it was decided by the Office of Student Life that a Continuous Open Bidding (COB) period would be instituted. This meant that we would have an additional two weeks to hand out bids to prospective new members. The COB period closed on February 10th and we handed out an additional 2 bids. Of the initial 14 bids we handed out, 9 accepted, 4 deferred, and 1 denied. The 2 bids we handed out during COB were both accepted, with one changing from the earlier deferral decision.



From left: Kabir Singh, Philip Ryan, Ethan Rhodes, Jack Rubeck, Bernard Carroll, Owen Kresco, David Clemenzi, Thomas Gifford, Adam Bifulco, Moses Tchuinte (Hegemon)



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Despite the wrench that COB threw into our rush week we had a successful two weeks of rush and got some really quality guys. We hosted a pancake breakfast in the Quad, Dodgeball in the IRC, Trivia at the house (Hosted by Chapter Advisor Mac), meet the brothers/house tour, and a preference dinner. See below for pictures from each event.



Pancake Breakfast Rush Event: Pictured (Left to right): Philip Ryan, Hannah Faryniak, David Clemenzi



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Dodgeball Rush Event



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Trivia Rush Event at house (Hosted by Jacob McNamara IK737)



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Meet the Brothers/ House Tour Rush Event



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Preference Dinner

Of the PNMs who accepted our bid, one decided to drop the process and a second was voted to be removed from the process. The new Tau class consists of 9 distinguished gentlemen. The breakdown is 7 from initial bids and 2 during the COB acceptance period.

It is still unclear how COB will be implemented in the coming semesters or what Clarkson will be doing going forward to comply with IFC regulations. For the Fall 23' semester we intend on having a plan in place to better capitalize on the updated process, whatever that may be. When it is communicated how the process will be updated we will pass the information along to alumni.

As a part of their initiation process hosted a rush event at the house entitled Pool, Poker, & Chess night. This event went well and we were able to have a lot of great conversations with rushes to



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talk TKE specifics and discuss any concerns or questions they may have had. Below is a picture from the event and the associated rush poster for that event.



Pool, Poker & Chess Rush Event



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Monday 02/06
7:00-9:00PM
Theme House
#4

Contact Us:

Nate - (978) 809 - 5404

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Rush



TKE

Pool
Poker &
Chess
Night



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Pool, Poker & Chess Rush Event Poster



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Semester Outlook

Below are the dates of significant events for this semester:

- Rush Week
 - January 14th - 20th
- Regional Leadership Conference (RLC)
 - February 24th - 26th
- Tau Class Initiation Day
 - March 4th
- TEKE Week
 - April 2nd - 8th
- Last Day of Classes
 - April 28th
- Undergraduate Commencement
 - May 13th
- Charles R. Walgreen TKE Leadership Academy
 - August 4th - 8th

Regional Leadership Conference (RLC)

This year we had 21 brothers from the Iota Kappa chapter attend the Regional Leadership Conference in Jersey City. This included 17 active brothers and 4 alumni. This is the largest number of brothers we have had register and attend to date. We even had two brothers (Jared Jimenez & Brian Williams) speak on the Top TKE Chapter Panel in front of the whole conference. The brothers of Iota Kappa were able to attend many of the workshops put on at RLC focusing on recruitment, risk management, philanthropy and many other topics all while building their TKE network and exchanging ideas with other chapters. These workshops and other events at RLC helped to rekindle many brother's passions for different aspects of our fraternity and was a great check-in at this point in the semester. There was a noticeable change in the chapter after this conference in terms of preparing for rush next semester, focusing on how to raise more for St. Jude, how to make our chapter meetings more efficient, and how to secure a Top TKE award this year.



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This year we even had three brothers attend the RLC hosted in Chicago. This was a great opportunity to interact with chapters we don't typically see at our regions' leadership conference. Pictured below are the three brothers standing with Donnie Aldrich (CEO of TKE) at the Chicago RLC.



Pictured (left to right): Donnie Aldrich, Brian Williams, Ethan Laferriere, Jared Jimenez



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Philanthropy

Our Philanthropy goal for this academic year is set at \$32,000. Currently, we are sitting at \$17,844 with some funds from recent philanthropy events not yet added. We are in a good position to hit this large goal with some key events remaining in the semester. We have been continuing to hold TKE Tuesday bake sales (often not on Tuesdays), which brings in money every two weeks. In addition to this we created two Super Bowl Squares boards, one for \$10 buy in and one for \$25 buy in. This event helped us to raise around \$1,500 for St. Jude. In addition to these events we also have our annual Freeze a TEKE event coming up which always raises around \$100 per brother. These events in combination with TEKE week coming up in April will put us in a prime position to hit our lofty goal.

Thank you all for your continued support which enables us to continue reaching our goals. Below is our chapter's St. Jude link if you wish to make a donation at any point this semester.

https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/TKE/TKE?pg=entry&fr_id=139860©_link_share

Eboard

January 1st the Eboard took office, we have a nice mix of newly initiated and old heads on this Eboard to provide a wide range of experience, perspective and opinions. We have two sophomores, three juniors, two seniors, and one graduate student. The positions and officers are as follows:

Prytanis - Matthew Syzdek

Epiprytanis - Ryan Pearl

Grammateus - Adam Johnson

Crysophylos - Curtis Rowe

Histor - Chandler Kent

Pylortes - Matthew Ziccardi

Hypophetes - David Angus

Hegemon - Moses Tchuinte



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Chapter Retreat

Similar to what we held in the fall, we had a chapter retreat with Pete Dawson in attendance on February 5th to outline and reassess our proposed goals for the semester. We were able to include our pledges in this retreat and feel as though they benefited greatly from this in seeing how our chapter operates to achieve our goals as well as what TKE nationals have to offer us and the resources they have access to.

After this retreat, Regional Director Pete Dawson presented Prytanis Matthew Syzdek and Epiprytanis Ryan Pearl with the 2021-2022 Top TKE award pictured below.



Pictured (left to right): Matthew Syzdek, Pete Dawson, Ryan Pearl



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Iota-Kappa Website/Newsletter Archive

The Iota-Kappa Chapter is making an effort to populate our chapter's website at <http://www.tkecu.org/>. We have archived our newsletters dating back to 2019 through the website so past newsletters can be easily accessed by potential new members, active members, alumni, and others. If you have digital copies (PDF or Scanned) of newsletters from before 2019, we encourage you to send them to tkeiotakappa@gmail.com so we can add them to the archive. If you have additional ideas on ways we can further improve and utilize the website, we would be greatly appreciative of the feedback.

Acknowledgments

The active members of Iota-Kappa would like to thank all of our alumni who have helped guide us as a chapter. Without the guidance and leadership of all the members that came before us, we would not be here as a successful chapter on Clarkson's campus. We thank you for all of the hard work, support, and donations that continue to allow us to make a difference in the world and provide us with amazing opportunities such as our very own chapter house. Please reach out to either kentcj@clarkson.edu or tkeiotakappa@gmail.com for any additional information or if you would like to donate any items to the house. We will continue to strive for the excellence that we have achieved thus far and will continue to grow as Fraters in the Bond.