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## Tau Class Initiation:

On March 4th we initiated 9 new men into our fraternity. This brings our total number of active brothers up to 43. We are still the largest Greek organization at Clarkson. These gentlemen have demonstrated tremendous growth throughout their process and we are extremely proud of their efforts and are looking forward to watching them integrate further into the fraternity. Thank you to all the alumni who came up for the weekend, it was an initiation weekend to remember. Pictured below is Tau class with their paddle the morning of initiation.



From left: Aydan "Crank" O'Brien, Kabir "Liquid III" Singh, David "Duca" Clemenzi, Owen "Flats" Kresco, Philip "Lugnut" Ryan, Jack "Jack" Rubeck, Connor "Melman" Tasselmyer, Bernard "Bingus" Carroll, Adam "King Julian" Bifulco



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## TEKE Week:

This year TEKE Week is running from Sunday April 2nd to Saturday April 8th. As per usual, the week will kick off with TEKE saw running from Sunday at Midnight until Monday at Midnight. On Tuesday the 4th we will be holding a larger than usual TKE Tuesday Bake Sale in the Student Center. Wednesday will be Paint a TEKE where people can donate different amounts to throw water balloons filled with dye at brothers lined up outside the Student Center. Thursday we will be tabling for both our basket raffle and Freeze a TEKE event. Friday we will be doing the car smash event as usual. Lastly, Saturday we will be doing the bottle drive.

The link to the livestream for TEKE Saw will be posted on the TKE Iota Kappa Facebook and Instagram pages if you would like to tune in to watch or donate! Additionally, pictures, videos, and information about the events will be posted at each of the above locations.

The basket raffle will be drawn during the car smash event at 3pm. We have 4 baskets being raffled off: Beach Bundle, Clarkson Basket, Lotto Basket, and Coffee Basket. See below for pictures of each basket. If you would like to purchase tickets for any of the baskets you can Venmo the TKE Venmo account at @TKE-IK and specify what basket(s) you would like the tickets to go to. The rates for tickets are as follows:

1 ticket	\$3
3 tickets	\$8
5 tickets	\$12
10 tickets	\$20

TEKE Week is successful in large part due to your generous donations and support. We thank you for all that you continue to do for the benefit of the fraternity and all the kids at St. Jude. Remote donations are encouraged and we'd be happy to record a brother being painted by water balloons, riding the saw, or taking a few hits on the car in your stead and send it to you!



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The Iota-Kappa Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Present

## TEKE WEEK

All Donations for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

**April 3rd-8th**

**TEKE SAW**

**24hrs All Day Monday**

**Student Center**

**BAKE SALE**

**Tuesday 10am-3pm**

**Student Center**

**PAINT-A-TEKE**

**Wednesday 11am-3pm**

**Cheel Lawn**

**TRIPPLE TABLING**

**Thursday 10am-3pm**

**Student Center**

**CAR SMASH & BBQ**

**Friday 11am-3pm**

**Moore Parking Lot by Snell**

**BOTTLE DRIVE**

**Saturday 9am-1pm**

**Pickup available, let us know**

 Venmo for donations @TKE-IK

 Follow us on Instagram @tke\_clarkson

Contact Eric Brom for inquiries (607) 743-7672



St. Jude Children's  
Research Hospital





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TAU KAPPA EPSILON PRESENTS

## BASKET RAFFLE

A TEKE WEEK SPECIAL

**TICKET PRICES**  
1 TICKET: \$3  
3 TICKETS: \$8  
5 TICKETS: \$12  
10 TICKETS: \$20

**BASKET TYPES**  
1) COZY MORNING  
2) SUMMERTIME FUN  
3) CLARKSON SPIRIT  
4) LUCKY WINNER

**All proceeds donated St. Jude Research Hospital**

Tickets will be available for sale starting Monday, March 27th through Friday, April 7th. Drawings will take place Saturday April 8th

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Eric Brom  
(607) 743-7672

**Venmo for donations**  
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Poster for Basket Raffle Event



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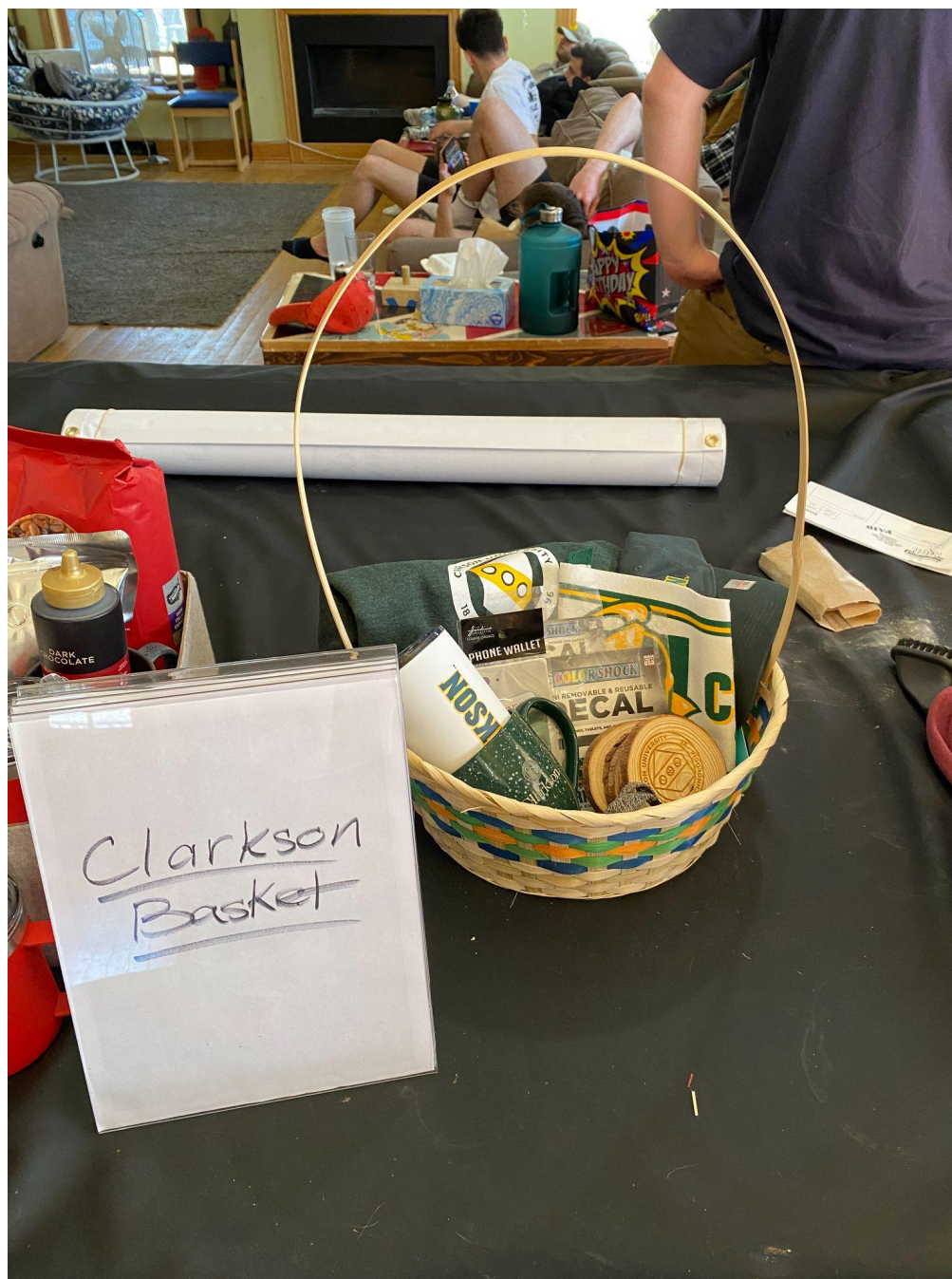
*Beach Bundle Basket for basket raffle*





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*Clarkson Basket for basket raffle*



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*Lotto Basket for basket raffle*





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## House Improvement Project/ Basement Improvements:

This year we have made several improvements to the basement and would like to showcase some of them here in addition to the Tau class house improvement project. We painted the ceiling black and the walls a dark gray, added a second light bar on the far side of the basement above the fireplace, added more lasers pointing at the stage, and added a DJ booth above the bar extension (Tau class). We are looking to mount the speakers to the ceiling on either side of the bar and potentially acquire a haze machine so that the lasers are visible or several bubble machines should the haze machine not interact well with the fire alarms. Additionally, we are looking to paint two more large murals on the two empty spots on the wall. See the following pictures for an updated view of the basement and the Tau class house improvement project.



*Brother Nathan Armano (820) behind DJ Booth*



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*View from behind DJ Booth*



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*View of basement well lit*

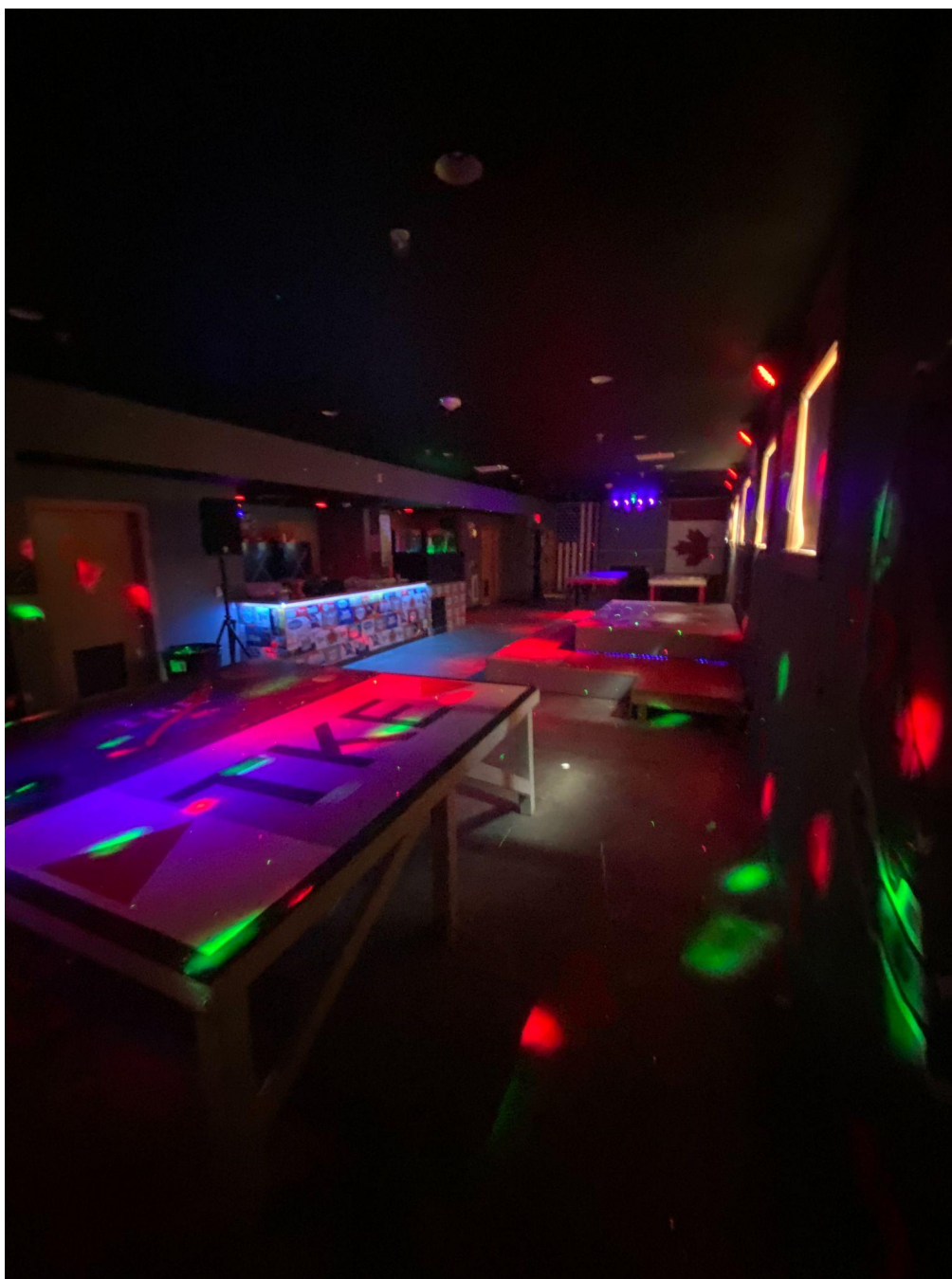




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*View of basement for function/party*



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## Other Projects:

With some trees coming down outside the front of the house this prompted a few of the brothers to improve the front area of the house. They went ahead and removed the fallen trees and stumps. The area is a lot clearer now and we plan on bringing in material to raise the ground level to improve drainage while providing an open area for a gazebo or flat area to hang out when it is warmer. Additionally, work has begun on extending Joe's bridge (built chiefly by Connor Brown (817)) into a pathway to the house to decrease the amount of mud and dirt tracked into the house from that direction. The following image is from earlier today as brothers were preparing the path for gravel as a paver base followed by sand and finally the pavers.

We have plans to put in a grill pad with pavers similar to what is used on the bridge and pathway after material is brought in to raise the ground level. A big thank you to Chapter Advisor Ed Dominy for supplying most of the tools used in these projects.





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*From left: Matthew Ziccardi, Ryan Pearl, Chandler Kent, Curtis Rowe*



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## **Family Dinners:**

This semester as well as the fall semester we have been holding family dinners every few weeks hosted by the “Italian Committee”. These serve as a great way to bond as brothers as well as inviting friends over to get to know the brothers of TKE on a more personal level. The meal pictured below was pasta and meat sauce with garlic bread served as an appetizer. Previous dinners have featured dishes such as pasta bolognese, vodka pasta, homemade spinach pesto, broccoli alfredo chicken casserole, (Armano’s grandma’s 60 year old recipe), meatball minestrone, chicken bruschetta, and grilled sausage and peppers with homemade pasta salad.

## **Wine Wednesdays:**

On a similar note, we have been hosting Wine Wednesday functions in the living room on certain Wednesdays with other organizations. This has been a nice change of pace from typical functions we host in the basement. We usually mingle for a bit then sit down for a home cooked meal similar to those served for family dinners. See the below image to see the setup typical at Wine Wednesdays.





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*Wine Wednesday with Theta Phi Alpha Sorority*



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## Alumni Visit Spotlight:

This past Thursday we had several alumni come up for a big birthday celebration as we have four active brothers with the same birthday as well as many other brothers with a birthday around this weekend. We always love seeing alumni coming back up to visit and encourage you to as well! Below is a picture from this past Thursday. The brothers are all wearing shirts that Brother Chandler Kent (806) purchased while on his MBA Global Business Experience Trip this past spring break.



*From left: Bernard Carroll (854), Chandler Kent (806), Matt Lanphear (801), Nathan Hayes (839), Sam Pych (812)*



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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

## Philanthropy:

Our Philanthropy goal for this academic year is set at \$32,000. We will be jumping in the river for Freeze a TEKE this Saturday and expect to raise over \$4000 from this single event if all brothers and sweethearts fill their boards. This, in combination with TEKE Week events should leave us in a great position to achieve our goal with one more successful philanthropy event later in the semester.

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 or especially during TEKE Week.

[https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/TKE/TKE?pg=entry&fr\\_id=139860&copy\\_link\\_share](https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/TKE/TKE?pg=entry&fr_id=139860&copy_link_share)





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## **Wish List:**

This section of the newsletter is something we are adding to serve as a location where alumni can look to see what the chapter is thinking about on a more day to day basis to potentially provide funds for the active chapter to purchase some of these items. This is by no means expected, but is meant to provide a means for the active brothers to communicate their thinking with alumni more efficiently than putting them in the MOU for whenever that goes through with the school. Should you feel as though you would like to make a contribution towards any of the below items, we would supply a plaque to commemorate your generosity in helping us to acquire that item. For instance, Chapter Advisor Jacob McNamara (737) generously provided funds for a bidet in our second floor bathroom and has a small plaque indicating as such.

- Leaf Blower
- Wheelbarrow
- Pressure Washer
- Grill
- Bubble Machine(s) (for basement)
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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](mailto: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,



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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](mailto:kentcj@clarkson.edu) or [tkeiotakappa@gmail.com](mailto: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.