

# The Sigma Pi Fraternity

## The Guide to Winning The Grand Sage's Cup



Every two years brothers from around the country meet at Convocation and we discuss and vote on changes and/or amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. Throughout the week awards are given out for various honors: None greater then The Grand Sage's Cup.

The Grand Sage's Cup is given to the top chapter in each of the four tiers:

Tier 1	Rolin Rosco James	(20+ Fraternities on Campus)
Tier 2	William Raper Kennedy	(10-19 Fraternities on Campus)
Tier 3	James Thompson Kingsbury	(6-9 Fraternities on Campus)
Tier 4	George Martin Patterson	(1-5 Fraternities on Campus)

To be one of these winners you must also be a Grand Council (Top 25) and Grand Chapter (Top 12) award winner. It has been proven over the years that hard work will pay off, but what kind of work do you need to do? What criteria is important for getting to the main stage?

This list will help you as you prepare your goals and agenda with your Executive Council and Chapter:

- Gold Standard completed each year in the Biennium with an average score of 80% or higher
- Average score of 800 or better for two years on Efficiency Points (Reporting to Executive Office)
- 2 **ACE Projects** in Biennium
- 2 **Sam Spady** events in Biennium
- **Zero Balance on Accounts Receivable** with Grand Chapter
- 80% or better on Retention of New Members
- Little to no FIPG Violations in Biennium
- Attendance at Local/Regional/National Events
- Winning Awards on Campus
- % of members involved in other organizations
- Grades in top at school, above 2.5

Remember the 4 Degrees of Pythagorean Brotherhood:

- Preparation
- Purification
- Perfection
- Application of Divine Wisdom

Establishing a great chapter is an obtainable goal, made easier if the leaders in place are properly prepared, exceptional communicators and motivators. Now that you are the Sage there are some items to take care of in order to get your goals and agenda set in place.

- Get the Books from the Past 3C and review them with the new 3C
- Print out Gold Standard and see where you currently stand as a chapter
- Set up an EC retreat (away from campus) to sit and strategize and make goals
- Hold Chapter retreat to have a planning weekend/day to get everyone on board
- Meet the Greek Advisor and other University Officials to introduce yourself
- Make contact with Chapter Director/Province Archon and Executive Office
- PLAN for a Recruitment workshop with all members before formal recruitment

**Important dates to keep in mind:**

**Pledge/Initiate Forms/Fees**

Collect/Register On-Line Before Ceremony  
Submit later than 10 Days after Ceremony

**Grand Chapter Balances Due**

December 31  
June 30 (End of Fiscal Year)

**Insurance Due**

November 1

**Officer Reports**

10<sup>th</sup> of Each month

**Emerald Reports/Photos**

10<sup>th</sup> of March, June, September and December

**Gold Standard Due**

May 15

**Convocation Fees**

December 1  
April 1

**Opening Report Due**

October 1

**Summer Addresses**

May 1

**Graduating Reports Due**

December 1  
May 1

**Budget Due**

October 15

**Roster**

15 Days after School Begins (Fall)  
February 15 (Spring)

**Proclamation of New Officers**

Within 15 days of installation

In order to help you be a great leader we have put manuals and other resources on the website [www.sigmapi.org](http://www.sigmapi.org). There are two areas that will be of most importance: **The On-Line Executive Office** and **The Cornerstone Concept**. These two sections are set up to help provide you and your chapter with necessary information and resources you will need to be successful. Make sure to get registered for the Mid-Year Leadership Conference with your Treasurer and Recruitment Chairman to help provide more education on your positions. Groups who make this a yearly event for their officers show great success and progress.

*If you have any additional questions, comments or feedback please contact your **ELC/D.C.S.** They are available to discuss everything from: perception of chapter, motives, goals, outlook, or just to develop rapport.*