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AUGUST 31, 2026

GSC Chapter dues - Full or half amount

SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2026

GSC Leadership/Fall Board - Dalton, GA
(hosts Alpha Nu & Sigma Chi)

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Chapter Tax Facts form deadline
to ESAMC

SEPTEMBER 19 & 26, 2026

St. Jude Walk - Atlanta, GA
St. Jude Walk - Memphis, TN

OCTOBER 23-24, 2026

SERC Convention - Kissimmee, FL
Registration deadline: 10-15-26

JANUARY 31, 2027

GSC dues - remaining half deadline

FEBRUARY 20, 2027

GSC Mid-Year Meeting - Forsyth, GA

APRIL 15, 2027

GSC Awards Forms Due



Download Attachments:

- * Leadership/Fall Board Registration
- * 2027 GSC Convention Registration

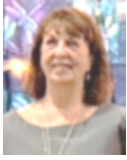
- * Tax Facts Submission
- * SERC Meeting Registration

N E W S L E T T E R	<u>What's Up" articles needed from:</u> Delta Nu & Gamma Sigma Kappa Rho & Beta Kappa Gamma Omega & Alpha Beta Alpha Delta & Sigma Chi Delta Omega, Beta Sigma & Delta Iota Alpha Nu & Beta Zeta	<u>Article Deadlines</u> June 5, 2026 August 7, 2026 October 9, 2026 December 4, 2026 February 5, 2027 April 5, 2027	N E W S L E T T E R
	Deadlines also for all Executive & Appointed Board members		

NOTES FROM YOUR BOARD MEMBERS:



Sharon Smoot - President - "Encourage - Support - Appreciate"



Hello to everyone! Tis the season of dragonflies everywhere so you know I am loving it right now. Hope you are also enjoying the beautiful colors and flight of fancy they provide us too.

Speaking of fluttering around, I just came back from our IC Convention in Norfolk, VA.

I was joined by Susan McVey, Luanne Langmo, Pat and Frank Griffin, Sherry Presley, Romanda Talley and Susan Garner. The schedule was tight but time was used well. Our ESA dollars for St.Jude was \$1.6M. We are well on our way to \$5M in four years!!! We also saw the ESA wall they have designed for us when reaching our four-year goal. Quite beautiful. The revamped and much shorter "recognition luncheon" went in a different direction and we are still getting used to the parameters for recognition. We got a few certificates and will be shared in Dalton.

And Dalton will be a "more than just a Leadership meeting" with activities, learning and fun. It is planned, with big help from Susan McVey and Luanne Langmo, to acknowledge and Appreciate the time you are making to attend. Bring your self and consider bringing a friend to share what we do. The registration form is attached and on the esageorgia.com website. Check out the requests from Luanne Langmo + Susan McVey..

Our Bylaws Committee now has not only Susan Knutson and Kim New but Ruth Ann has raised her hand to join them. Thank you for your time making sure we are current going forward. We also have a spot open on our Appointed Board for Administrated Assistant: this is helping out at our meetings, passing things out, making sure last minute handouts for our Chapters get put in the chapter folders, etc.

Can't wait to see you in "more than just a meeting" in Dalton.



Luanne Langmo – Corresponding Secretary (+ Leadership homework)



I just got back from the Executive Board Retreat in Aiken...and I'm so excited about our plans for Leadership and Fall Board. You won't want to miss it! And bring a friend. The weekend is full of "special stuff".. If you haven't already sent in your registration, there is still time. We want all y'all to be part of this fantastic weekend.

>>> Now – I have a simple assignment for you prior to attending our September 12 Leadership meeting. I need a selfie picture of your smiling face with no makeup and in the bright sunlight...just your face. Then email it to me. Don't worry, I promise that I'm not going to publish it. It's just between you and me. Please send it now so you won't forget!

CarolinaLangmo22@gmail.com



Vicki Warren – Treasurer



August is a big month for the Treasurer. At least ½ of your Chapter's State Dues are due by August 31. Please send your check of \$30.00 per member to me PLUS a copy of your Chapter Roster from the ESA IC Website. I cannot see if the members have paid their IC dues and both State and IC dues must be paid to have Voting Privileges at Fall Board.

Please send both items to: Vicki Warren 125 Brandon Court / Calhoun, GA 30701

Susan McVey – 1st Vice President + Saturday Leadership Meeting “Guide”



To make the most out of Leadership this year, come prepared with the following:

- Wear comfy clothes and shoes for our physical activities.
- Eat breakfast to fuel your brains for participation activities.
- On your phone, take a selfie headshot in natural light without makeup for a fun activity we have planned.- only you will use/see that photo

We are excited about the planned agenda. Come ready for fellowship, learning & fun.

Sheryl Gootee – 2nd Vice President



I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Dalton GA. in September for the Fall Board/Leadership. I know the ladies have worked hard planning the event and I hope the membership will come and give their support.

Our membership is dropping. We need to put a lot of thought into what we can do to bring more members to our organization. Any ideas you would like to share just send me a text or email and we will get the word out there.

Another topic to bring up is the 2029 convention. We need a chapter host! Presidents when you have a meeting talk about what your chapter can do. I look forward to your brainstorming. Again, any suggestions you might have just text me or email. 803-944-7640 or shgootee@yahoo.com See you in Dalton!



Theresa McGugan – Recording Secretary



I missed the Executive Retreat July 31-Aug 2 since it was my birthday and my husband planned a trip to Savannah starting that same weekend. Wayne and I had a wonderful time and he outdid himself in planning and spoiling me. We went to some of our favorite restaurants: The Pink House, Six Pence and always special to me, a tea room. We had a busy and wonderful week. We did make a vow to make another trip there in the November.

I heard the Retreat was full of business and a fun time. Thank you, Sheryl Gootee, my sister, for taking the notes, writing them up and sending them out to our Minutes Committee ... Those notes will keep me up to date with the many things accomplished at the Executive Board Retreat in preparation of our upcoming Leadership & Fall Board meetings.



Susie Knudson - Parliamentarian



Hello to all my Georgia family. I hope your summer has been packed with lots of fun times with friends and family. However, we are quickly approaching Fall and the time to get back to the good works we do for so many.

I look forward to our upcoming Leadership/Fall Board Meeting and seeing all of you. We will be voting on the two Proposed Standing Rule Changes that I sent out to the membership on August 2nd. These are changes to Standing Rule #1 and Standing Rule #16. Please review these proposed changes within your chapters and be ready to discuss. They are printed at or near the end of this newsletter. This is also a reminder that if you see either a Bylaw or a Standing Rule change that is needed, you can submit it to the Bylaws Committee at any time. However, please remember that Standing Rule changes need to be submitted to the Committee 60 days prior to a Council Meeting and that Bylaw changes need to be submitted 90 days prior to State Convention.



Ruth Ann Edge – Past President/Disaster Fund Chair



President Sharon Smoot opened her home to the Executive Board for the weekend of July 31- August 2 for a working and bonding weekend. We enjoyed great food, games, a painting session and of course a business meeting. It was a great weekend.

It has been a long scorching summer, and most of my activities were indoors because of the heat. I really am looking forward to cool fall temperatures. I cannot wait to enjoy the beautiful colors of fall, and the taste and smell of pumpkin spice.

Now it is time to get down to ESA work. I will be sending my first Disaster Fund Report soon. I have received a check from one chapter. Thank you, Kappa Rho, for your donation. The Disaster Fund is what we do for ESA Members. I know the fund is sound now, but it only takes a hurricane, tornado, straight line wind, flood, wildfire, or a serious illness to deplete the fund quickly. This summer the weather has provided almost all the disasters mentioned. I ask you to please give generously. Talk to your chapter about a project you can do, or a game night to raise funds. Put on your thinking cap and have fun.

I hope to see each of you at the Leadership/Fall Board Meeting in Dalton, Georgia. I know plans have been made for an exciting learning experience. Don't miss the fun and seeing all your ESA sisters.



Susan Garner - SERC Coordinator



Hello GSC Family, I am honored to be your Southeastern Regional Council Coordinator again this year and I thank President Sharon for appointing me.

Do you know or remember the history of SERC? Our SERC began as an idea, a dream of Barbara Kiley when she was GSC President. She told the Georgia Past President of her Auxillary dream. States were contacted to send representatives to an organization meeting chaired by Joyce Sexton. On March 7, 1959, a date later referred to as "Southern Founder's Day in ESA", 43 representatives from 10 of the then 11 Southeastern States convened. Barbara Kiley served as the presiding officer. The theme of the day was "The South Shall Rise". Bylaws were adopted and officers elected. SERC was established to promote closer relations and fuller cooperation between the Southeastern states, International Council, and Epsilon Sigma Alpha Membership Corporation to encourage friendship and fellowship through members and state association, to assist one another in whatever problem may arise and to do generally and all things necessary in fulfilling of the purpose of ESA International.

As you know, Georgia has two past SERC Presidents: Romanda Talley and Joy Lynn Tynes. YAY!!!

Please consider attending the upcoming SERC conference "A Tropical State of Mind" this October 23-24, 2026, at the Holiday Inn in Kissimmee, Florida. This is a great way to reconnect with or meet new members from other Southern states.

* Deadline for reserving a room is 9/23/26. * Bunco: "Keep Rolling for St.Jude" is Friday, Oct 23, 1-4pm \$10.00 per player + RSVP by 10/15/26 to Joy Lehnert (Joy.Lehnert@yahoo.com)

All the information above can be found on the SERC website at esa-serc.com under the SERC Conference tab. If you need the password, please contact me. Registration form is attached.

I also look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming "more than just a meeting" GSC Leadership/Fall Board. Registration form is attached and on esageorgia.com



Romanda Talley – St. Jude Chair



I do hope all of you have been enjoying your long summer days. While hot in my area of the state, the days in the South still have the charm that is so often reflected in movies, tv, and books. Yes, life in the South is good. However, for the children at St. Jude that cannot get outside to enjoy southern living, it is left up to those of us that are enjoying the summer to use our fun time to help the children through donations to St. Jude Hospital.

I challenge all chapters in Georgia to do something special for the children at St. Jude Hospital during the month of August. Collect money for a walk in the park, sell brownies to family and friends, say five (5) special prayers for the children at St. Jude and donate money in your own special prayer box, rest for one (1) hour outside and donate \$.10 for each minute of rest (rest that children at St. Jude cannot have due to medications, shots, EMRs, etc.). Every member can have her own choice of activities for St. Jude. Collect all monies and send a check to St. Jude by September 1, 2026.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Send a child with cancer a card and let him/her know you are praying for them. Not only will a card brighten his/her day, the family is helped, also.

See you in September.



CHAPTER NEWS AROUND THE STATE FOR YOU

BETA KAPPA CHAPTER #7232 – Linda Long, Chapter President

Our Beta Kappa Sisters are experiencing lots of heat and rain this summer but very grateful that we are not suffering the hardships that others are facing across the country like the heartbreaking floods, blizzards, and devastating fires. God Bless those who are suffering and hopefully the ESA Disaster Fund may be able to offer relief and support when needed. We remain together in our love for ESA and each other; we are separated physically but our lines of communicating are always present. We have been creating memories in ESA for over fifty years; our friendship is like an eternal light always shining.

We may be young at heart but as we age, our bodies and health problems are slowing us down more often than we like. Barbara has some health issues, but her focus and time is caring for her husband, Jack, who can no longer get around. Barbara finds support and comfort with her children and church members when available. I am still using a walker for support and for balance issues. My legs are not as strong as they should be, and I feel fatigued most of the time. Hopefully, they will improve and my endurance will get better. I go back to the orthopedist at the end of September. I have a housekeeper coming twice a month to do the household chores. I have my groceries delivered. I am very thankful that I am home and live in a friendly neighborhood. However, my current attention is on my two family members who are experiencing serious health issues. Sherrie has more energy than we do and unlike Barbara and I, who cannot travel around at this time, is more active than us. We are so proud of her representing us at ESA functions. This year Sherrie is our State Philanthropic Chairman. She has been working on home projects and traveling this summer. We support St. Jude and the ESA Foundation. We donate items to our local charitable organizations and local food pantries. Recently I was able to donate some arts and craft supplies to a local elementary school. Helping where we can is good for the heart.

We miss seeing everyone. Have great ESA year and enjoy Fall Board and Leadership.

KAPPA RHO #5125 – Romanda Talley, Chapter President



It is hard to believe that we are almost three months into our 2026-2027 ESA year. However, since April our Chapter has made our annual donation to our National Forests and helped plant trees where they are most needed. Our “furry friends” are getting the medicinal help they need through our donations of medicinal supplies to a local animal shelter, and our Easter Seals donation to mothers that need a few hours to themselves while their child is being cared for helps not only the mother, but the entire family.

Helping one of the local food banks get food sorted for local charities opened our eyes to how many people in our country count on groups like ESA to help their family eat. While not only working at the food bank, donating to local outreach projects with needed food is a priority in our chapter. Who would think that one of the items needed was plastic bags. The bags we throw away. Yes, they need those for the families to carry their food. **Recycling** for families that have no where to live and no food. A simple, plastic bag to help others.

What a great time we had, again, at the Mighty Eighth Museum. The 2600 flags and poles we helped “stick in the ground” was a beautiful sight. Work, but fun, for Kappa Rho. A special day when so many groups come together to remember the men and women that gave their lives for us. Visit Pooler for Memorial Day and see what working together can do

Frances hosted our meeting this month in her beautiful, newly, renovated home. The fire damage was no where to be seen or smelled. Out of such a tragedy came a blessing. Her lung tests, while in the hospital from smoke inhalation, revealed another issue. Surgery in June removed the tumor and she is now able to rest in her new surroundings. God is Good!!

Kappa Rho's big priority is to get new members to enjoy what we have loved for 35+ years...sisterhood and helping others. We have set aside September and October as months to help our membership increase.

I enjoyed receiving my 55-year pin at IC along with Pat Griffin, (50 years). We enjoyed our night with other members from Georgia. Yes, my beautiful yellow rose bush is still alive that the Georgia Members gave me at convention. Thanks for making me feel so special. Now, on to many more years.

Prayers are still needed for Judy Jenkins' grandson. His fight to live makes all of us in Kappa Rho thankful for all we do for those in need. Pray for Tucker.





WHAT'S HAPPENING in Dalton at GSC LEADERSHIP MEETING!

With TO DO items to please bring with you

Meeting Start Time: 10:00am



An agenda created to be Interesting that includes
Activities, Learning, and Fun with take home memories.

Most of these are less than one hour each

TO-DO - be comfy > Let's Move Our Bodies video - wear comfy clothes

GSC Communication Workshop -
share ideas to help keep you informed

Foster Care Speaker - Delta Nu & Sigma Chi focus

Your Season Color Workshop + take it home

TO-DO - bring on your phone > Take face selfie in the sun with no make-up

We Care Foster Kids Activity - Bring any

TO-DO - bring items >

SUITCASES / BACK PACKS / TOTES / DUFFLE BAGS

Closet Clean-out of any you just never use now or ever

Pumpkin Marking anyone can do + take it home

Successor Workshop for all those GSC binders

Learning About Shriner Kids - Jim Warren

LOW COUNTRY BOIL - \$10 if not paid with registration



Questions? Contact GSC President Sharon Smoot 803-447-4671

STANDING RULE CHANGES FOR VOTING AT FALL BOARD MEETING

Dalton, GA Leadership / Fall Board September 12-13, 2026

These two Standing Rules changes have been emailed within the 30 day requirement prior to our Fall Board Meeting, to each member of the GSC membership for review from President Sharon Smoot.

Standing Rule #1 now reads: *"The Convention Fund will pay will pay for two (2) nights lodging and registration fee of the official IC representative and SERC representative to the GSC Convention. The State President's lodging will be paid beginning on Thursday the week of the convention."*

Change to: Delete first sentence and change to read: "The State President's lodging will be paid from the Convention Fund beginning on Thursday the week of the convention."

Reasons:

1. Due to low membership in the GSC and low numbers of Georgia membership attending State Convention, convention hosts can no longer afford to pay the IC and SERC Representative's registration to attend convention.
2. With the low attendance at Georgia State Conventions, convention hosts are no longer able to negotiate comp rooms for the IC and SERC Representatives. This added cost puts a strain on convention budgets.
3. IC and SERC Representatives can zoom their message or use other social media to send their message.
4. Attendance of IC and SERC Representatives at state convention no longer extends the length of time of convention, as some of them are arriving late and/or leaving before the end of convention.

If the proposed changes to Standing Rule #1, then changes to Standing Rule #16 need to be considered.

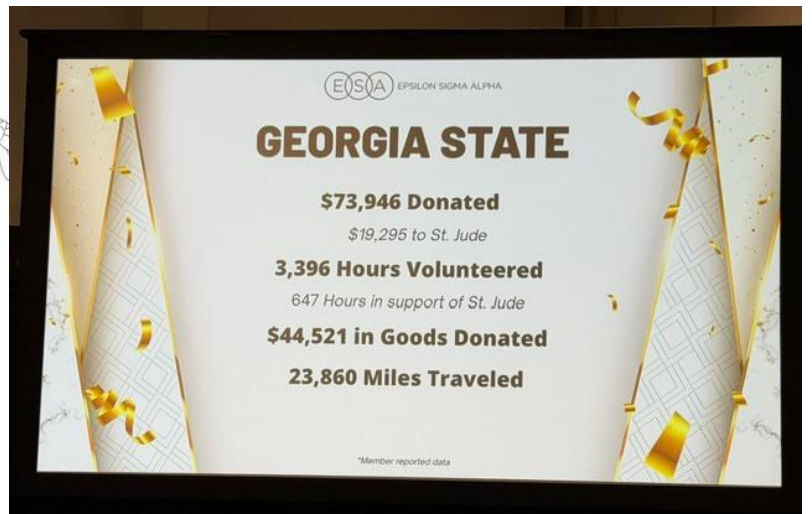
Standing Rule #16 now reads: The Georgia State Council Budget shall include a line item covering "courtesies" which shall be used for International Council and Southeastern Regional Council Representatives gifts to be given at the Sunday morning General assembly. Duty of the State President Delete Standing Rule #16

Reason: If IC and SERC Representatives will no longer attend Georgia State Council convention, this standing rule is no longer necessary.





Showing off Georgia Numbers at IC





Art by St. Jude patient **Colton**



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA



"Be the Lift in Someone's Day"

Georgia State Council Fall Board/Leadership

Saturday & Sunday / September 12 & 13, 2026

Dalton Shrine Club / 514 Chattanooga Ave; Dalton, GA 30720

Name _____ Chapter # _____

Telephone # _____ Email _____

Dietary Needs _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Members & Guests (includes Saturday lunch)	\$50.00 _____
Late Registration Fee (After August 15, 2026)	\$10.00 _____
Saturday Night Low Country Boil	\$10.00 _____
Walk-in Registration Fee	\$60.00 _____
TOTAL	_____

Hosted by Delta Nu and Sigma Chi

Make check payable to: Delta Nu

Send registration to: Vicki Warren

125 Brandon Court Calhoun, GA 30701

vickiwarren57@gmail.com

Registration Deadline: August 15, 2026

Late Registration:? Call Vicki Warren 706-280-5424

(cancellations received in writing or email by August 15, 2026 will receive a full refund)

Hotel Accommodations: The Carpentry Hotel
204 W Cuyler Street
Dalton, GA 30720

Hotel Phone: 706-529-3040 Group: ESA GA Rate: \$189.00

Hotel Cutoff Date: July 11, 2026

IMPORTANT GPS NOTE: Put in 514 Chattanooga Ave instead of "Dalton Shrine Club"



SERC CONFERENCE 2026

Orlando, FL

October 23-24, 2026

Holiday Inn & Suites Orlando SW – Celebration Area
5711 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy; Kissimmee, FL 34746

Name: _____ State Council: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mark all that apply:

☐ Full member registration (through 10/15/26) \$160.00 _____

☐ Full member registration (after 10/15/26) \$170.00 _____

Saturday banquet choice: ☐ Honey roasted chicken or ☐ Seared salmon

☐ Full guest registration (through 10/15/26)
(includes Friday night mixer and Saturday banquet) \$160.00 _____

☐ Full guest registration (after 10/15/26) \$170.00 _____

☐ Partial guest registration (Saturday banquet only) \$ 65.00 _____

Guest Name: _____

Guest Saturday banquet choice: ☐ Honey roasted chicken or ☐ Seared salmon

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Medical dietary requirements for member or guest: _____

Check all that apply:

☐ SERC Elected Board

☐ IC Elected Board

☐ New Member (pledge)

☐ SERC Appointed Board

☐ IC Appointed Board

☐ First Time Attendee

☐ SERCHETTE

☐ PICPA

☐ Headquarters Staff

☐ State President

☐ ESA Foundation Board

☐ Other, please specify

Make checks payable to: SERC Conference 2026

Mail registration form and check to: Laurel Lichtenberger
3609 S. Banana River Blvd., C308; Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

For registration questions: Laurel at 321-222-8737 -- spaceangel@cfl.rr.com
or Sue Ceriale at 321-690-2234 -- wceriale@cfl.rr.com

Hotel information on back of registration form

Hotel Information for SERC Conference, Oct. 23-24, 2026 in Orlando, FL

Hotel: Holiday Inn & Suites Orlando SW – Celebration Area
5711 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy; Kissimmee, FL 34746
407-396-4222

Room Rates: \$109 (Plus taxes) Cut-off date for room rate is 9/23/2026

To make reservations call 800-672-9601 and give group name of ESA-SERC

If you would like to come early or stay late, the room rate of \$109 will still be good, but you will have to call the hotel directly at 407-396-4222 and make your arrangements directly with them

To view the hotel website:

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/kissimmee/mcoib/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps-_HI-_US-_MCOIB

- **Extended Stay:** Same rate available for 3 days before and after the event
- **Updated Rooms:** 50% of rooms have been recently renovated and will be reserved for SERC
- **Accessibility:** 10 handicap-accessible rooms available
- **Breakfast:** Complimentary breakfast buffet for 2 guests per room
- **Parking:** Free for all guests
- **Resort Fees:** None *(the resort fee will be taken off your bill at checkout)*
- **Room Amenities:** Keurig coffee makers with pods and refrigerator in every room
- **Local Dining:** Numerous restaurants nearby
- **Transportation:** From Orlando International Airport
 - Uber XXL (up to 6 people): approx. \$50
 - Uber “Wait & Stay” (4 people): approx. \$30
- **Group Outing Ideas:** Disney Springs and a “Roll the Dice for A Difference” - Bunco fundraiser for St. Jude



FEDERAL TAX FACTS – YOU MUST FILE WITH ESAMC STAFF EVERY YEAR!

Dear ESAMC Staff:

This is to confirm that:

Chapter Federal ID #:		
Chapter/Council Name:	Chapter #:	
City:	State:	Zip:

is a paid member of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Council (ESAIC), and as such is under the jurisdiction and supervision of the ESAIC. It is the desire of the above to be included in the group exemption from the Internal Revenue Service.

Further, this Chapter/Council has its own Employer Identification Number (listed above) and wishes to be included in the annual group tax return and will comply with Federal Regulations of the ESAIC. An annual financial statement will be submitted to ESAMC Staff each year by September 15 to be used in the filing of the annual tax return to the Internal Revenue Service.

The undersigned Chapter/Council hereby agrees to the above and will fulfill all requirements necessary to secure and receive benefits of this exempt status.

Signature (President or Treasurer)	Member #	Address
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This report is to be filed with:
ESAMC Staff Offices
2580 E. Harmony Rd Suite 301-11
Fort Collins, CO 80528
Email to: esainfo@epsilonsigmaalpha.org

Deadline to file: September 15, 2026
DO NOT SEND REPORT AFTER THIS DATE
- it cannot be included in the Group Form 990.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand (all accounts)
August 1, 2025

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INCOME

Dues 2

Ways & Means
Philanthropic projects 3

Other (Interest) 4

Subtotal of Income
(Add #2, #3, & #4) 5

Total Income
(Add #1 & #5) 6

DISBURSEMENTS

Operating Expenses 7

Philanthropic or
Service projects 8 (*See Note)

Other 9

Total Disbursements
(Add #7, #8, & #9) 10

Balance on Hand
July 31, 2026 (all accounts)
(Subtract #10 from #6) 11

***Note – this was new in 2024 and remains true:** This is where you report your donations to other nonprofits. *If you donate \$5,000 or more to any **one** nonprofit (meaning a total of \$5,000+ to a single nonprofit, not \$5,000+ across multiple nonprofits), the IRS is now requiring us to report these amounts on our group tax return. If your chapter or council falls into this category, please list each beneficiary on a separate sheet with the following information:*

EIN of Recipient:

Name of Recipient:

Complete Address of Recipient:

What IRS Code Section (501 c 3, 501 c 4, etc.):

Amount of your aggregate donations to this nonprofit:

The purpose of the donation (general support, scholarships, etc.):

Chapters and Councils please take notice! The IRS now makes us list each participating subordinate member of the group exemption in our annual Form 990 tax return. If you do not file TAX FACTS, you will not be included in the Form 990 and, therefore, will NOT be a participating member of the group exemption that year. Therefore, it is imperative that you file your TAX FACTS annually and on time.

The method of record keeping is up to the individual Chapter or Council.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of a federal income tax exemption is to preclude a Chapter or Council from having to pay Federal Income Tax on money it raised for charitable purposes. For example, if a Chapter raises \$1,000 through a fundraising drive, i.e., a bake sale, style show, etc., and the expenses incurred amount to \$500, in effect the Chapter has earned a \$500 profit. The tax exemption privilege precludes the Chapter from having to pay Federal Income Tax on that "profit" when it has been designated for a charitable purpose.

Listed below are the requirements which a Chapter or Council must meet in order to qualify under the Group Exemption Status of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Council (ESAIC).

1. A letter of authorization must be filed with ESAMC Staff, each year, stating that the Chapter/Council is under the jurisdiction and supervision of the ESAIC and that said Chapter/Council is a paid member of the ESAIC. You meet this requirement by signing the top half of the other side of this page.
2. A financial report must be filed EACH year with ESAMC Staff covering the period August 1 through July 31. This fiscal year period is necessary for this report only and is not intended to interfere with established procedures in the Chapters and Councils. (This form must be received at the ESAMC Staff's office no later than September 15 of each year.) You meet this requirement by filing this TAX FACTS Form.



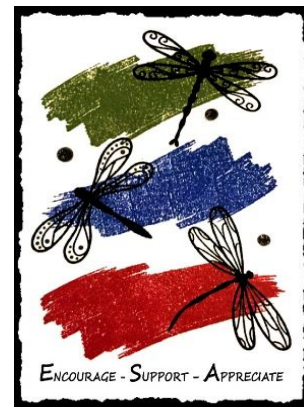
3. There will be no cost to the Chapters or Councils for the filing of the annual tax report. (This service is provided to Chapters and Councils by the ESAIC and your ESAMC Staff.)
4. An annual Form 990 will be completed by ESAMC Staff and will include all TAX FACTS reports sent to ESA's Offices by September 15 of each year. The completed Form 990 will be delivered to the IRS in a timely manner each year.
5. Each Chapter/Council must have an Employer Identification Number. This is a nine-digit number and is used like we use our social security number only the format is 88-8888888 and not like the SSN format 888-88-8888. It is necessary that a Chapter have this ID Number when they file their financial report each year. ESAMC Staff automatically applies for your EIN when you charter your chapter.
6. The federal designation as nonprofit does not exclude the Chapter/Council from paying State/City Sales Tax, etc. In order to be exempt from State/City Tax, you would have to apply for the exemption through your State or Local taxing Agency.
7. Financial information must be filed every year. Be sure this report covers transactions from August 1 through July 31. The report must be received at ESA's Staff Offices prior to September 15 each year. Send in an envelope marked "TAX FACTS".

The International Council has a 501(c)(4) designation which refers to Civic Leagues and Social Welfare Organizations. This is not a charitable or tax-deductible designation. ESA Chapters must report once a year to ESA's Staff Offices to qualify under the Council's Group Exemption.

GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL
SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

“ESA IS COOLER IN POOLER”

Embassy Suites Hotel Savannah Airport
 145 Mulberry Boulevard, Savannah, GA
 Friday, May 14 -- Sunday, May 16, 2027



Name: _____ Chapter: _____ Chapter# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Mark All That Apply:

Member Registration (Includes all meal functions) \$160.00 _____

Full Guest Registration (Includes Friday Mixer & Saturday Banquet) \$120.00 _____

Guest Name _____

Late Registration Fee (Postmarked after **April 23, 2027**) Add \$25.00 _____

Walk-in Registration Fee at Convention Add \$35.00 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to: GSC Convention 2027

Mail to: Angela Coleman, Convention Treasurer
 110 Santee Road, Savannah, GA 31410

Please Check: Pledge _____ First Time Attendee _____

Medical Dietary Needs: _____

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