

**The following recommendations were shared by Bill Geddy (Georgia Southern), Division Commander for the Southeast Beta Division. Geddy is an organizer of Theta Kappa Chapter's annual Commanders' Dinner:**

- First and foremost, we recognize the incoming Commander but charge him to do the right thing and lead our chapter to excellence – the group setting of past Commanders and Volunteers sets that stage.
- We recognize the outgoing Commander and the Alumni present him with a plaque we get made through Goose Creek Publishing and an engraved Commander's Pin with his Badge # & term.
- We have started a tradition where every Commander knows his sequence number (19<sup>th</sup> Commander or 49<sup>th</sup> Commander), like you know your badge number, but it helps put everyone in perspective.
- Since we started the dinner in 2013, we have had 100% of the installed Commanders since then return each year, so we continue to grow. We started at 7, but we now have about 42.
- We create a booklet for the Outgoing & Incoming Commanders (printed professionally) that is somewhat of a keepsake of their events – they have the pictures of the event.
- We present an engraved Gavel & Block for the new Commander to use during his term, but it also allows the outgoing Commander to keep his as a reminder.
- The Commander gets a block of time to give a “State of the Chapter” and his vision for the future. All the recent Commanders use the time to explain their Vision, Strategy, & Goals they develop at College of Chapters
- Each attendee gets an opportunity to introduce themselves but also to give them some word of wisdom.
- We invite all Past Commanders, the incoming Commander, the outgoing Commander, and all volunteers & alumni officers. We also invite guests from HQs, the Division Commander, and Educational Foundation.
- We have instituted an initiative where Past Commanders and Volunteers can invite a guest (not a spouse) that aligns with the dinner's mission, so we can grow the number of likeminded individuals.
- Lastly once we started to give the pins to the outgoing Commanders, we started some new things as well.
  - We get Sigma Nu Alumni Pins for each member that attends and update their pins as they cross 5-year increments.
  - We purchased Commander's Pins for select past Commanders such as our first Commander, the Commander that organizes the dinner.
  - The Active Chapter buys each Commander a ring at the end of their term.