A. Initiation

At initiation, both new and current members are present. Current members wait inside a dimly lit room, sitting towards the back of the room. New initiates wait outside the room. At the start of initiation, initiates are led blindfolded into the room. The initiation then proceeds, with the traditional script being read by the president and vice-president. At the front of the room is a poster with both the coat of arms and the seal, so that the vice-president can point to symbols as he explains their meaning. 11 members were inducted on October 22, and 14 members were inducted on February 5.

B. Chapter Activities

Typically, Clemson holds a golf tournament in the fall as a fundraiser for the club. The majority of the money raised comes from a sponsorship provided by Michelin. Unfortunately, this year Michelin decided it would not be sponsoring the tournament. Our chapter tried to find other ways to raise money through the tournament, including pairing with Engineers Without Borders. Many of our initiates earned service hours going to local businesses to ask if they would be willing to participate or donate to the tournament. Ultimately though, we were unable to host a tournament.

Clemson Phi Kappa did however host Clemson's Mechanical Engineering awards banquet. Our organization brought in both sponsorships for the banquet and found speakers to present at the banquet. Clemson's Pi Tau Sigma chapter was especially instrumental this year as we have a new department head, and the department head is generally very involved in planning the banquet. Even though some unforeseen difficulties arose, we still managed to host a great banquet and everything went smoothly.

Additionally, Clemson Phi Kappa hosts monthly meetings which all of its members are encouraged to attend. This year, we had guest speakers at two of our meetings. In the fall, representatives from AFL telecommunications come to speak about their company and internship/co-op opportunities for students. Everyone stayed for well over an hour talking to the representatives about their company and asking general advice about working as an engineer. In the spring, the head of Clemson's graduate program spoke to members about the benefits of graduate school and what Clemson's graduate program has to offer students. At other meetings, students would typically stick around for 20-30 minutes after the meeting had ended, often discussing classes, projects, and various other engineering-related topics.