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. 3 members were inducted on October 10, and 11 members were inducted on March 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. We had GE Power & Water sponsor the event and our guest speaker was Paul Kumler. Paul was previously the head of engineering at Boeing and Lockheed Martin and today he is President of KTM solutions.

Additionally, Clemson Phi Kappa hosts monthly meetings which all of its members are encouraged to attend. One of our guest speakers this year was a professor at Clemson who gave a presentation on Mechatronics. Everyone stayed for well over an hour talking to the professor and I think it was a worthwhile event for everyone in attendance. 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