The 2015-2016 school year began with the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Alpha-Nu Chapter at Wake Forest University. At our fall Homecoming, the Chapter was happy to welcome back the Class of 2005 for their ten-year reunion. In the spirit of fraternalism that characterizes Sigma Pi and Alpha-Nu, the brothers of the Class of 2005 agreed to donate $1,550 to fund a new speaker system for the chapter. Alpha-Nu accepted four new initiates in the fall semester, a testament to the diligence and hard work the Chapter has put in to raise our numbers. The new members are already showing initiative and taking active roles in the fraternity on social, philanthropy, and brotherhood committees. This fall, the Chapter took part in several campus philanthropy events. The annual Hit the Bricks event features a competition-based on-campus race to raise money for the Brian Piccolo Cancer Research Fund. Alpha-Nu has a rich history in the event. Brother Johnny Dawkins ('81) founded the Cancer Research Fund in March 1980 and brother Mel Rivera ('05) was one of the creators of Hit the Bricks. Stemming from our heritage supporting Hit the Bricks and the Brian Piccolo Cancer Research Fund, every brother participated in the event, contributing to the $42,000 raised for cancer research.
In November, our regional director, Joe Drain, visited the Chapter to discuss a host of topics we aim to improve on. Brother Joe Drain led a session for the entire Chapter at which he focused on recruitment strategies, tactics for motivating our members, increasing our social media presence, making better use of our alumni network, and organizing committee operations among other matters. Alpha-Nu began a new ACE project this year that holds very exciting prospects for future expansion. Partnering with Wake Forest Athletics, the Office of Sustainability, Can-Do Recycling, and the Inter-fraternity Council, Alpha-Nu initiated a recycling program at football tailgates to clean up the student tailgate area. The goal was to enlist the entire Greek and non-Greek Wake Forest community in an effort that promotes a positive image of Sigma Pi represented by a socially responsible student body engaged in sustainable practices. Alpha-Nu hopes to bring in a large class of new members in the spring to build on our success this fall. Happy Holidays!

John, Dante, Michael, and Carter at initiation. Alpha-Nu participating in Hit the Bricks.