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Turn our Eyes to that Light

Kappa Alpha brothers
battle tragedy and
seek triumph.





The 1865 Trust | Member Profile



Malcolm H. Liles

(Gamma – Georgia '71)

- *Loyal Order #342*
- *Sons William & Leighton, both from Gamma*
- *Member of the Feller & Hardeman Courts of Honor*

What has Kappa Alpha Order meant to you?

KA has meant lifelong friendships with brothers from my active days at Gamma and a common bond with KAs from other chapters I've met socially and in business. Also, the KA credo of the Christian gentleman as personified in Robert E. Lee has been an inspiration to me.

Why do you continue to support the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation?

I have personally witnessed the positive impact from educational programs like the Number 1's Leadership Institute (NLI) and the Emerging Leaders Academy (ELA) and the opportunities the KAOEF scholarships have provided to our brothers. It is very important for KA to continue its emphasis on excellence in academics.

Why is it important that all KA alumni stay connected to the Order for life?

Alumni support is critical to the long-term health and growth of KA. As alumni we have a responsibility to live our lives as good role models for our undergraduates. Participation in local alumni events such as Convivium, recruitment recommendations, and financial support for the Order are essential for us to continue to attract the best young gentlemen on each campus.

WHAT IS THE 1865 TRUST?

The 1865 Trust recognizes the generosity and foresight of those who choose to embrace the vision of KA's future by making a meaningful planned gift to the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation (KAOEF). Their entrance into the ranks of the 1865 Trust bears powerful testimony to the charitable expressions of their values, ideals, and commitment to Kappa Alpha Order's future.

Membership in the 1865 Trust recognizes those who have made provisions for a planned

gift of \$10,000 or more to the KAOEF. To date, 140 exceptional alumni have joined the 1865 Trust. Last year alone, the 1865 Trust received over \$1.4 million in new estate gift pledges from alumni. Most of our alumni in the 1865 Trust will fulfill their gift through one of the most common and perhaps easiest ways of making a planned gift, by naming the KAOEF in their wills or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or an IRA.

For more on the 1865 Trust, please turn to the KAOEF Annual Report, pg. 55

If you have any questions about the 1865 Trust, or if you wish to join the over 140 KA brothers who have already become members, please contact Erik Showalter, Director of Development, at the National Administrative Office, either by phone, (540) 463-1865, or by e-mail, eshowalter@ka-order.org.



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Dear Brothers,

Since the conclusion of the 74th Convention in Phoenix, the Order has been busy. We have already held two meetings of the 36th Executive Council and tackled issues of the foremost importance to the Order.

While current issues require attention, we must also set our sights on the Order's future. We have accomplished much in our 146 years. Yet, as in all we do, we can always improve. As Knight Commander, I am emphasizing four goals.

First, we must continue to **improve our academic results**, as they are the primary reason we attend college. We have made great strides in this regard, and I am pleased that Greg Singleton (Gamma Gamma – Memphis '82) has agreed to continue to serve the Order as National Scholarship Officer. We have reached a 2.88 spring 2011 GPA as an Order, the highest on record, but we need to reach even higher.

Second, we must continue educating our members about **risk management** and how that relates to gentlemanly conduct. Robert E. Lee said, "Never do a wrong thing to make a friend or to keep one." Hazing has absolutely no place in our Order and I will continue the zero-tolerance policy designed by my predecessors.

Third, we must increase our focus on **housing**. Housing is an essential part of the KA experience. The Order continues to lead the efforts to pass the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act, which will make contributions in support of housing tax-deductible. This Act and other support are crucial to future housing success.

My fourth objective is to **further engage alumni** in support of our undergraduate chapters and efforts throughout the entire Order. It is no secret that our best-performing chapters have one thing in common – great alumni support. Mentoring as alumni is very rewarding and it is my goal to make involvement meaningful for both chapters and alumni. We must connect with our alumni who have the time and talent to see KA succeed in all areas.

Also, it is important to note that we are approaching the Order's sesquicentennial. In 2015 our fraternity reaches the milestone of 150 years; a century and a half as the moral compass for the modern gentleman. The time has come to begin planning the celebration for such an historic event.

Excellence is our aim! Thank you again for the honor to serve as your Knight Commander.

Fraternally,

William E. Dreyer
Knight Commander



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The *Kappa Alpha Journal* has been published since 1879. From 1883 to 1885 it was known as *The Magazine of Kappa Alpha*.

Kappa Alpha Order was founded in 1865 at Washington College (Washington and Lee University) in Lexington, Virginia. Today, Kappa Alpha boasts 122 undergraduate chapters and over 30 alumni chapters across the nation.

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Dear Brothers,

As Kappa Alphas, we all remember where we have last heard the phrase, “Turn our eyes to that light.” In this issue we’ll explore different chapter’s and individuals’ responses to adversity. Core tenants of our Order are to overcome, progress, and persevere. Saying so is easy. Doing so is not always. We hope these accounts honor and remember those affected as well as provide direction to others who might still be lost in the shadows.

Consider closely the last feature story of Major General Graham and his family. The loss is unfathomable. The message regarding suicide and depression cannot be ignored. Please be an “everyday hero” and do not be a bystander. If you are worried about a brother, friend, or loved one, please speak up. Indeed, you can make all the difference in the world.

This issue contains the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation Annual Report. The Order is lucky to have a separate foundation with a dedicated set of donors and volunteers who give their time, talent and treasure, unselfishly. Perhaps you too may join their ranks of support this fiscal year.

The 74th Convention was a success as was our summer educational programs for undergraduates. Also, you will read of the exciting establishment of our Sigma Alpha Commission for graduates of the United States Military Academy. After a decade of excellence, our Order continues to lead the way as the experience of a lifetime.

Share this issue with your brothers. Then, take to the web. If you or someone you know has a story of any magnitude regarding perseverance or progress, please share it. At www.kappaalphaorder.org there is a distinct link to immediately share your stories with others. You’ll feel better for providing your perspective and others will enjoy being reminded of just how far brotherhood can reach.

Our good times are remembered as great, when we also remember our worst. Please enjoy this fall issue of *The Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Fraternally,

Jesse S. Lyons
Editor





Dear Editor,

My son, Matthew Wyatt MacDaniels is a member of the Kappa Alpha Order, Gamma Alpha Chapter at Louisiana Tech University. Actually, he is an alumnus member right now because he is also a Lance Corporal for the United States Marine Corp. Reserves and is serving in Afghanistan.

Matt joined Kappa Alpha Order at the beginning of his freshman year at La Tech against our wishes. Because fraternities do get a lot of bad press, and I believe the Gamma Alpha Chapter has had their fair share of it, I wanted to share something the Gamma Alpha Chapter did for me to change my heart forever.

One week after Matt arrived in Afghanistan, he and 21 others were patrolling a remote base outside of Marjah. On one patrol the first week, he moved forward and instructed others to do the same. By about the fifth or sixth guy moving forward, a boot snagged a trip wire, but the bomb did not go off. The IED was exactly where Matt had been standing ahead of the patrol. It is impossible to describe the anxiety a parent feels when their child is in harms way and there is nothing you can do for them except pray.

Then, on Monday, May 9th, (the day after Mother's Day) I received the most beautiful bouquet of flowers, and the card read:

*Happy Mother's Day!
From the Gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Order*

I cried all afternoon. Then I remembered from many of our heated discussions about the fraternity, if Matt told me once he told me a thousand times, "Mom, it's a brotherhood." I got it that day.

Once Matt was able to call later that week by satellite phone, he knew nothing of it, but I could tell by his voice he was choked up about it.

I just wanted to give these "Gentlemen" credit where credit is due!

Sincerely,
Rose MacDaniels
Proud Mother of a U.S. Marine & Kappa Alpha Member

Errors/Omissions

Summer Issue

The young man who is Former Knight Commander Pardini's grandson is indeed Tom Pardini, not Tom Pardiimi, as he was listed in the last edition of "Our Legacy."

Tom wrote, *The Journal*, "Thanks for publishing it! I saw the spelling mistake, everyone's been laughing about it saying, 'Oh you don't matter quite as much as your grandpa, they spelled his name right.'" We appreciate young Brother Pardini's sense of humor.

The list of chapter officers for Beta Sigma in "Carolina to California" was a duplication of Alpha Omega's officers. Beta Sigma's chapter officers are available online.



Sigma Alpha Commission Established

Graduates of the United States Military Academy join the Order

“Well, can you do it?” Knight

Commander J. Michael Duncan asked Jesse Lyons, Director of Communications, and E. Kent McMichael, Archivist. The trio and other staff were enjoying a beautiful Charleston evening after having just completed the inaugural initiation for the graduation class of the Theta Commission in 2010. Duncan was asking if a commission could be established for graduates from the United States Military Academy by the following May.

When the 73rd Convention (2009) moved to amend the *Kappa Alpha Laws* allowing the creation of commissions for the nation’s service academies, few thought the first would be established and initiating new members within the first two years.

But in May of 2011, six gentlemen became the founders of the Sigma Alpha Commission for graduates of the United States Military Academy in West

Point, New York. Duncan authorized the creation of the commission after a petition was received from five alumni and the Advisory Council approved the pending action.

Fraternities are not allowed to operate at the service academies, but the new legislation allowed for commissions to honor graduates with membership, thus giving them a lifetime KA experience.

All previous commissions were established for formerly Active Chapters, thus giving them an immediate name. For instance, since Beta Chapter was dissolved due to the abolition of fraternities at the Virginia Military Institute, the Beta Commission was the immediate name. The designation had to be considered for posterity and future growth. The Naval, Air Force, and other service academies are locations for continuation of the commission initiative.

The commission’s chairman-designate, retired four-star General Jack N. Merritt

Petitioning Alumni for the Creation of the Sigma Alpha Commission

The petitioning alumni were a proud group of soldiers and KA brothers.

- GEN Jack N. Merritt (Ret.)
(Beta Eta – Oklahoma ’49)
- MG Thomas H. Tait (Ret.)
(Beta Comm. – VMI ’99)
- MG John W. Knapp (Ret.)
(Beta Comm. – VMI ’54)
- LTC Chris Whittaker
(Beta Comm. – VMI ’90)
- MAJ Christopher J. Lowrance
(Beta Comm. – VMI ’00)

Top: Archivist and staff military advisor SGM. E. Kent McMichael (left) shows COL Brian Reed his excitement at West Point.

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Knight Commander Duncan congratulates newly initiated Brother Andy Uhorchak.

(Beta Eta – Oklahoma '49), did not think they evoked the excitement needed to compliment the new unit of the Order. During an early spring 2011 meeting of Duncan and Merritt in Washington, DC before the North American Interfraternity Conference's annual business session, the men agreed upon the designation Sigma Alpha. "Sigma" designates the commission for graduates of a service academy and "Alpha" assigns it as the first of its kind. Consequently, "Sigma Beta" may be assigned next, and so forth.

Four stellar graduates and two alumni were elected. Drawing from traditions established by both the Beta and Theta Commission plans took shape. On May 16, in West Point Lodge #877, national administrative staff held first a public induction for family of new members to attend and learn more about the Order. Guests and family departed. The first initiation in Sigma Alpha's history was then conducted in the shadow of West Point.

That evening, a celebration was held at the grand Thayer Hotel. With great fellowship, all new initiates, their families, staff, and the Knight Commander gathered first in the Patton Tavern for

a reception, then in the Hap Arnold Room for the banquet. Staff Archivist, SGM E. Kent McMichael (Beta Comm.-VMI '95) presented each new brother with a Military Division recognition pin. MAJ Lowrance of the Commission welcomed all attending on behalf of General Merritt. Lyons then introduced then Knight Commander Duncan. He told of the Order's legacy with graduates of VMI and The Citadel; of our ties with military luminaries such as Marshall, Patton, and Byrd. He remarked that Robert E. Lee served as Superintendent of the Academy and lived in the house designated as such at West Point. Years later another Superintendent, this time a KA initiate, would reside in the same home. LTG Sidney B. Berry (Alpha Upsilon – Mississippi '43) would join KA at Ole Miss then and transfer to begin his Army career. From former Commandant GEN Sam Walker (Beta Comm.-VMI '82) to many others, KAs have informally walked the grounds of the Academy before.

Duncan summed it up when he said, "the honor is all of ours to now have the humble opportunity to initiate graduates from this Academy. We seek not to add

anything to the history of West Point. We openly seek only to add some of these great men to our roll of honor and give us an opportunity to call them brothers." 🇺🇸

The Sigma Alpha Commission continues to look for nominees of gentlemen to elect to membership. If you know current year graduates or those who have previously graduated from the United States Military Academy, please send them to Jesse S. Lyons at jlyons@ka-order.org for consideration by the Commission.



Alumnus initiate Thomas Beasley, who was recommend by his son Matt, an alumnus from North Carolina, with his wife Wendy.



SIGMA ALPHA COMMISSION FOUNDERS

Initiated on May 16, 2011

2011 Graduates

2LT Justin Lanahan is currently at Ft. Gordon, Ga. conducting Signal Basic Officer Leadership Training until the end of Nov. before reporting to my permanent duty station at Ft. Bragg, N.C. to join the 1st Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division.

2LT Andy Uhorchak is at Fort Benning, Ga. He is attending the Infantry Basic Officer Leaders Course (IBOLC). Upon completion of IBOLC, he will attend Ranger School and any other follow on schools deemed necessary by our gaining units.

2LT Heath Patrick is also at Fort Benning, Ga. He is attending the Infantry Basic Officer Leaders Course (IBOLC). Upon completion of IBOLC, he will attend Ranger School and any other follow on schools deemed necessary by our gaining units.

2LT Paul Baker recently travelled to China to compete in the World

University Games, an international event that invites all nations to compete in an Olympic-style games. He then went to Fort Gordon, Ga. to start his Signal Corps Basic Officer Leadership Course. That course runs from until Jan. 26th, when he will travel then to Fort Lewis, Wash. to start his life as a Signal Officer.

Alumni

Thomas W. Beasley graduated in 1966. He reached the rank of Captain before discharge from the Army. While on active duty, Brother Beasley received, among other honors, the Silver Star, Bronze Star with V for Valor and Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with V for valor an Oak Leaf Cluster.

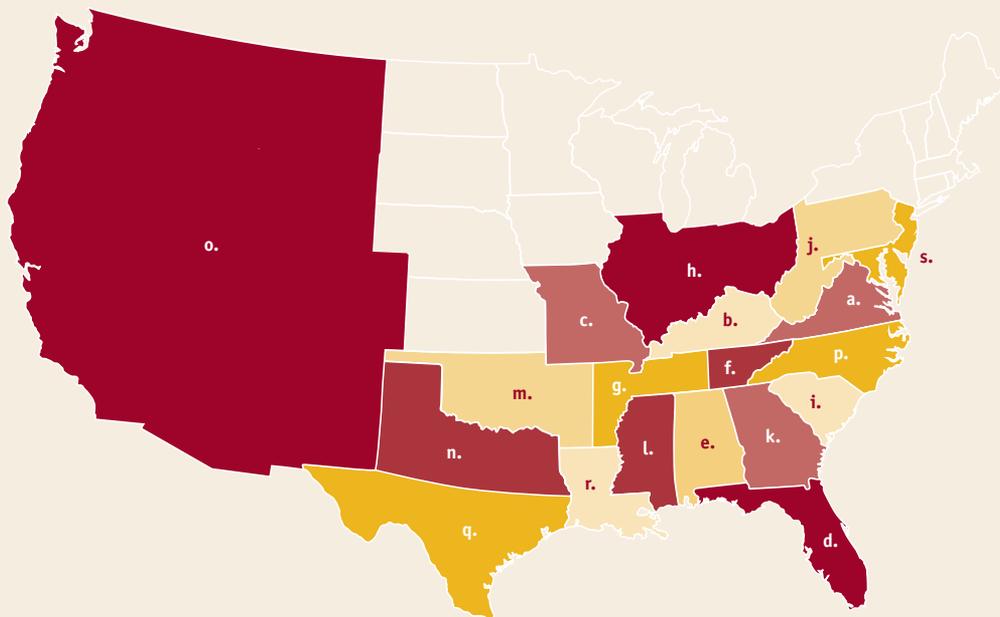
Mr. Beasley is a founder and former Chairman of Correction Corporation of America, a company that manages detention and corrections facilities worldwide. He is also a founder and current Chairman of the Board

of Directors of Infrastructure Corporation of America and is a pioneer of the privatization concept. He spends his free time either on the golf course or with his wife Wendy and their grandkids on their farm in middle Tennessee. From 1974 to 1978, Mr. Beasley served as Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party and continues to be active in state politics. In 1973, he received a doctor of jurisprudence degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law.

His son, Matthew Beasley (Upsilon - North Carolina '99) nominated him to the Commission for membership and was present at his initiation in May.

COL Brian Reed was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1989 from the United States Military Academy. He has served in a variety of command and staff positions. COL Reed was the Battalion Commander of 1st Battalion 24th Infantry (Stryker) from December 2006 to

December 2009. In his last post, he was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at West Point. He is currently a Senior Service College Fellow at Columbia University, and will take command of 1st Stryker Brigade 25th Infantry Division in summer 2012. COL Reed has participated in deployments in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He is Ranger, airborne, and air assault qualified, and has earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Expert Infantryman's Badge. COL Reed has a PhD in Sociology from the University of Maryland. MAJ John W. Downs, M.D. (Beta Comm.-VMI '00) nominated COL Reed, from Iraq, saying, "COL Reed remains the finest officer I've ever worked with/for. The absolute epitome of a humble, gentleman leader. I cannot recommend him enough."



Province Commanders Appointed

At the 74th Convention, the *Kappa Alpha Laws* were amended to require the Knight Commander to appoint province commanders upon nominations received by Active and Alumni Chapters. For more information on this please see the *Kappa Alpha Laws* at www.kappaalphaorder.org. Below are the appointed province commanders for Knight Commander William E. Dreyer's term through the 75th Convention in August 2013.

- a. Samuel Zenas Ammen**
Province (Virginia)
P. Jason Cording
(Beta Rho - Roanoke '91)
- b. John Slaughter Candler**
Province (Kentucky)
Collin B. Taylor (Delta Mu -
Eastern Kentucky '96)
- c. Henry Clay Chiles**
Province (Missouri)
James M. Schmuck
(Alpha Eta - Westminster '69)
- d. William B. Crawford**
Province (Florida)
L. Blair Bailey (Gamma Eta -
Florida State '88)
- e. W. Elliot Dunwoody**
Province (Alabama)
Stephen J. Lafollette (Delta
Phi - Jacksonville State '84)
- f. Richard T. Feller** Province
(Eastern Tennessee)
Jim P. Lawson (Delta Delta -
East Tennessee State '68)
- g. William E. Forester** Province
(Western Tennessee &
Eastern Arkansas)
Aaron B. Hunt (Gamma
Omicron - Lambuth '93)
- h. W. McLeod Frampton, Jr.**
Province (Illinois,
Indiana, Ohio)
Jeffrey W. Love (Epsilon
Rho - Purdue '86)
- i. John Temple Graves**
Province (South Carolina)
G. Randall Smith
(Iota - Furman '59)
- j. William Sprigg Hamilton**
Province (West Virginia &
Pennsylvania)
Stephen E. Foster (Beta Chi -
West Virginia Wesleyan '68)
- k. John L. Hardeman**
Province (Georgia)
Lee P. Oliver III (Kappa -
Mercer '86)
- l. Emmitt Lee Irwin**
Province (Mississippi)
Jason R. Barrett (Beta Tau -
Mississippi State '98)
- m. Howard P. Locke**
Province (Oklahoma &
Western Arkansas)
H. David Pinson (Epsilon
Zeta - Arkansas Tech '00)
- n. Henry J. Mikell**
Province (Northern Texas)
Fred Diaz Jr. (Delta Iota -
Texas-Arlington '84)
- o. Daniel R. Neal** Province
(California, Oregon,
Washington, Idaho,
Montana, Nevada, Utah,
Arizona, New Mexico,
Colorado & Wyoming)
Douglas W. Hanisch (Epsilon
Tau - Northern Arizona '98)
- p. Ed Chambers Smith**
Province (North Carolina)
David B. Hagan (Alpha Omega
- North Carolina State '76)
- q. William Archibald Walsh**
Province (Southern Texas)
Douglas B. Harris (Delta Sigma
- Houston Baptist '73)
- r. Horace H. White**
Province (Louisiana)
John Michael Moore
(Beta Lambda - Southern
Methodist '90)
- s. James Ward Wood** Province
(Maryland, DC, Delaware,
New Jersey)
Douglas S. Ewalt (Beta Omega
- Washington Coll. '71)

Expulsions

The following men have been expelled from Kappa Alpha Order since last printing of The Journal as of September 13, 2011.

Delta State
Delta Beta
Justin T. Haynes (6-20-11)

Drury
Beta Iota
Nicholas D. Alexander
(6-20-11)

Florida Gulf Coast
Zeta Pi
Anthony B. Rice (8-17-11)

George Washington
Alpha Nu
Matthew F. Godart (6-13-11)

Missouri S & T
Beta Alpha
Derek P. Rosen (8-3-11)

Tennessee
Pi
Peter E. Collins, Jr. (6-6-11)

Tennessee-Martin
Delta Upsilon
Jacob R. Smith (8-3-11)

Texas Tech
Gamma Chi
Travis F. Reynolds (6-20-11)
Kristopher R. Handlon
(6-20-11)

Tulsa
Mu
Benjamin A. Buchanan
(6-6-11)
Brian Griffin (6-6-11)

West Georgia
Zeta Kappa
Robert M. Tolbert (6-24-11)
Brian D. Duggan (6-24-11)

Western Carolina
Delta Alpha
Richard H. Bright (6-20-11)
Patrick Clawson (6-20-11)



Two Kappa Alpha leaders recognized by the Fraternity Executives Association

Former Knight Commander Estes Honored For His Interfraternal Service

The Fraternity Executives Association has selected James R. “Jim” Estes (Alpha Kappa – Missouri ’60) as the 2011 recipient of the Association’s Distinguished Service Award. Jim accepted the award at the annual meeting of the Association on July 9, at the closing banquet held in Chicago, Ill.

The Fraternity Executives Association Distinguished Service Award is conferred upon persons who have contributed outstanding service in the betterment of all college fraternal organizations.

Following his tenure as Knight Commander, Jim became involved with the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), the trade-association for all seventy-five inter/national men’s fraternities. He joined the board in 2001, was elected Chairman in 2004, and received the NIC “Gold Medal” in 2010. He has been a zealous and passionate advocate for the fraternity and sorority movement, developing hundreds of relationships, both professional and personally, between volunteers, undergraduates, and professionals in the fraternal world.

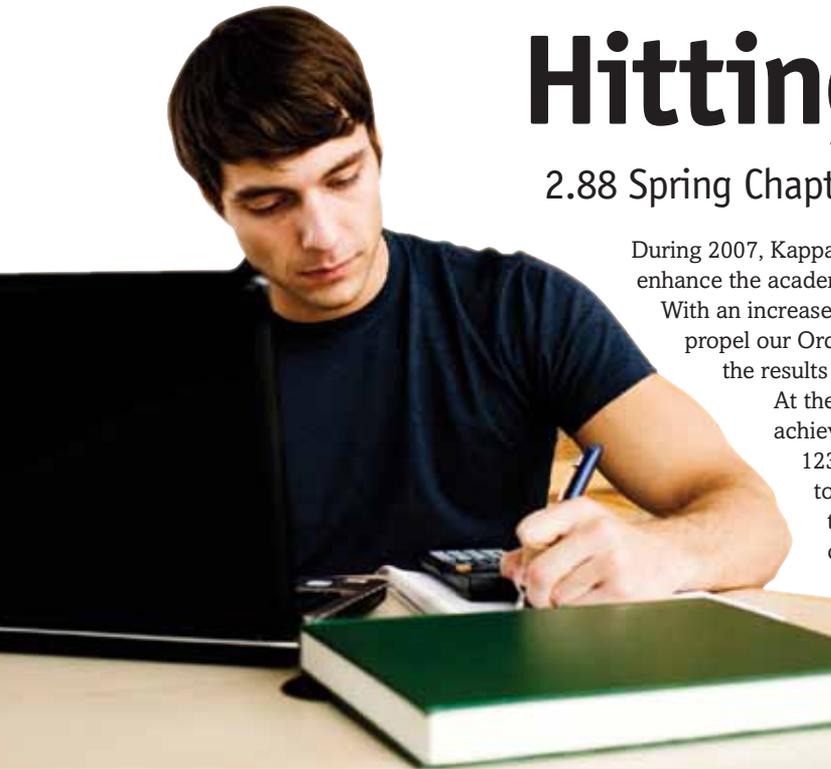
Wiese leads Fraternity Executives Association

Larry Stanton Wiese, Executive Director of Kappa Alpha Order and the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation assumed the presidency of the Fraternity Executives Association on July 9, during its annual meeting in Chicago, Ill.

Larry has served on the FEA board of directors since 2007, and has served Kappa Alpha Order as Executive Director since 1996. After graduating from Midwestern State University in 1990, Larry worked for Kappa Alpha Order as an educational and leadership consultant for one year before attending law school at Oklahoma City University. After completing his Juris Doctor, he returned to the staff of Kappa Alpha Order in 1995.

Larry is a past president of the Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee (he was also a founder of that PAC) and FIPG, Inc., the leading risk management association in higher education. He is a member of the American Society of Association Executives and the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

The Fraternity Executives Association, founded in 1930, is the professional association of men’s and women’s fraternity executives. Its members are chief staff officers of the administrative offices of general college social fraternal organizations who promote and uphold the Code of Ethics of the Fraternity Executives Association. Other paid employees of the member’s fraternal organization or its educational foundation comprise FEA’s section membership. 🇺🇸



Hitting the Books!

2.88 Spring Chapter GPA is the highest in Order's history.

During 2007, Kappa Alpha Order embarked upon focused, new initiatives to enhance the academic performance of our undergraduate brothers and chapters. With an increased focus on academic excellence and a commitment to propel our Order into the forefront of the American college fraternity, the results are impressive.

At the conclusion of the spring 2011 semester, the Order has achieved the highest GPA in our history: a 2.8801 GPA with all 123 chapters reporting their academic performance. Compared to data collected in spring 2003, when information started to be compiled in order to seriously address the academic compliance of our member chapters, we have improved our overall GPA by almost 15% (2.733 with only 101 chapters reporting).

We must consistently set higher academic standards for our brothers and ourselves. Our accomplishments have only occurred with the dedication by our chapter officers, volunteers, and a collective focus that we will at all times labor with diligence to maintain our scholarship. ■■■

Chapter GPA	College or University – Chapter
3.530	University of Southern California – Beta Sigma
3.485	Stanford University – Alpha Pi
3.470	Emory University – Epsilon
3.430	Princeton University – Zeta Beta
3.370	University of California, Berkeley – Alpha Xi
3.350	Vanderbilt University – Chi
3.325	Duke University – Alpha Phi
3.290	William Jewell College – Alpha Delta
3.232	Washington and Lee University – Alpha
3.230	West Virginia Wesleyan College – Beta Chi
3.216	University of North Carolina – Upsilon
3.203	Furman University – Iota
3.202	College of William and Mary – Alpha Zeta
3.191	University of Louisiana-Monroe – Gamma Nu
3.180	University of Washington – Zeta Mu
3.180	University of Maryland – Beta Kappa
3.172	University of Richmond – Eta
3.170	University of Georgia – Gamma
3.162	Southwestern University – Xi
3.150	Tulane University – Psi
3.149	University of Tennessee – Pi
3.140	University of the South – Alpha Alpha
3.097	University of Virginia – Lambda

Chapter GPA	College or University – Chapter
3.072	University of Tulsa – Mu
3.070	Miami University – Epsilon Lambda
3.060	Clemson University – Delta Omicron
3.060	Southern Methodist University – Beta Lambda
3.060	University of Delaware – Beta Epsilon
3.059	Florida Southern College – Gamma Pi
3.056	University of Houston – UH Provisional
3.0558	Centenary-Alpha Iota
3.051	University of Missouri – Alpha Kappa
3.048	University of Florida – Beta Zeta
3.030	Transylvania University – Alpha Theta
3.026	University of South Carolina – Rho
3.024	Westminster College – Alpha Eta
3.010	University of Tennessee at Martin – Delta Upsilon
3.010	Millsaps College – Alpha Mu
2.990	Austin Peay State University – APSU Prov
2.988	James Madison University – Zeta Theta
2.982	Florida State University – Gamma Eta
2.975	Birmingham-Southern College – Phi
2.970	Georgia Tech University – Alpha Sigma
2.950	Newberry College – Delta Epsilon
2.940	Southern Illinois University – Zeta Sigma
2.940	Wofford College – Delta

Chapter GPA	College or University – Chapter
2.940	Washington College – Beta Omega
2.933	Wingate University – Zeta Zeta
2.930	University of Memphis – Gamma Gamma
2.925	Univ. of Tennessee at Chattanooga – UTC Provisional
2.920	Drury University – Beta Iota
2.920	Rhodes College – Alpha Epsilon
2.920	Louisiana State University – Alpha Gamma
2.905	Oklahoma State University – Beta Xi
2.901	Elon University – Epsilon Mu
2.890	University of North Texas – Gamma Lambda
2.890	UNC - Wilmington – Epsilon Psi
2.887	University of Kentucky – Theta
2.880	University of Alabama – Alpha Beta
2.879	Davidson College – Sigma
2.860	Arizona State University – Epsilon Omega
2.850	Presbyterian College – Beta Pi
2.847	North Carolina State University – Alpha Omega
2.836	Georgia Southern University – Delta Theta
2.830	George Mason University – Epsilon Phi
2.830	George Washington University – Alpha Nu
2.820	University of South Alabama – Epsilon Alpha
2.820	Univ. of Arkansas Fort Smith – Zeta Rho
2.814	Texas Tech University – Gamma Chi
2.811	Western Carolina University – Delta Alpha
2.810	Valdosta State University – Delta Rho
2.800	Northern Arizona University – Epsilon Tau
2.799	Arkansas State University – Delta Eta
2.797	Southeastern Louisiana State – Epsilon Kappa
2.790	Randolph-Macon College – Zeta
2.780	University of West Georgia – Zeta Kappa
2.767	Texas A&M University-Commerce – Gamma Upsilon
2.760	Missouri University S&T – Beta Alpha
2.760	Florida Gulf Coast Univ. – Zeta Pi
2.756	University of Mississippi – Alpha Upsilon
2.750	Univ. of West Florida – Epsilon Sigma
2.740	Mississippi State University – Beta Tau
2.720	Delta State University – Delta Beta
2.720	Nicholls State University – Epsilon Beta
2.716	Hampden Sydney College – Alpha Tau
2.710	Appalachian State University – Delta Psi
2.702	Auburn University – Nu
2.700	Eastern Kentucky University – Delta Mu

The 88 chapters meeting the 2.7 GPA expectation are listed. Thirty-five more did not meet the expectation and are not listed. The NAO received grade reports from every single chapter.



Operation Crimson Gift Turns 10



Alpha Omega continues drive at NCSU

Operation Crimson Gift started in 2001 by former Knight Commander David M. Warren as a tribute to his mother, a recipient of blood donations. It has been responsible for the collection of over 8,500 units of blood in its existence in just ten years. If statistics hold true, and three lives are saved with every pint, then the Order's efforts could be responsible for 255,000 saved lives.

Benefits of blood donation are exponential. Many take for granted the need and supply of blood. But just as 9/11 and other disasters taught, blood donations are crucial to the survival of thousands of people. When blood levels are low, the potential for greater loss increases.

Involvement is easy for our chapters. Either get all your members that are medically capable, to participate, or host or co-host and work a blood drive for all of campus. Students may work with a national or regional service. The choice is the chapter's.

As part of Operation Crimson Gift, Alpha Omega Chapter of North Carolina State University recently participated in a 1,000 Pint Blood Drive on August 19, at Carmichael Gym. The event was an overwhelming success bringing in more than 1,300 pints of whole blood and double red cells during the ten (10) hour marathon session sponsored by the Red Cross Carolinas Blood Services. The number of donors surprised and overwhelmed the Red Cross staff and volunteers because last year's blood drive brought in 500 pints. More than 1,200 NCSU Wolfpack students, faculty and friends registered for the event, and waiting time approached 2 hours during the peak periods.

Number I Forrest Brooks, who volunteered for the event along with other chapter members, stated that, "The turnout was incredible. KA got behind the Blood Drive early on and promoted this event. I am pleased with the results and the contributions Alpha Omega has made to Operation Crimson Gift."

Raleigh resident and Operation Crimson Gift Founder Former Knight Commander Warren donated double red blood cells. He earmarked his donation credit toward Alpha Omega Chapter who is the running for the Knight Commanders Cup, the Order's award for most outstanding involvement by a chapter.

After 10 years, the program is institutionalized by the Order. It is year round and hundreds of brothers participate. Indeed, that was the goal of Brother Warren. A way our fraternity can save lives, honor his mother and others like her, and become a vital support system to all those in need. 🇨🇦



New National Website Unveiled

www.kappaalphaorder.org relaunched in time for Convention

The last update to the national website had been in 2003. A welcome change was accepted at the 74th Convention in Phoenix, when the Order rolled out a new and improved national web presence.

Tying in all social media efforts including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube, the new site aims to find brothers across the web, connect them to KA, and bring them back to the “home” site as often as possible.

The viewer online immediately is met with a bold statement of values. Are you gentleman of honor? If you select “KA is” you’ll be taken through a series of information regarding the Order’s Values, History, and Experience. All further navigation and content is crisp, intuitive, ever changing and packed full.

New features include:

- *goKA online member portal*: see next page for details.
- *KA Blog*: Used to disseminate articles, breaking news, and media in a relevant fashion. Blog posts are synced with the KA Facebook page and Twitter account. Comment features are enabled to discuss articles, issues, and support the Order.
- *Intuitive relationship based navigation*: Whether you are a potential member, an

alumnus, or even the parent of a member, there is content here for you. Just hover your cursor over “I am,” and navigate your cursor over the category of membership or support which fits best for you. There you’ll find resources pages, and content specific to what you’ll likely need.

- *Online Kappa Alpha Journal*: from the home page you are able to read the most recent *Journal*, in a clean, page turning format. Further, on periodic basis an

information, submit Archives materials, or find any list or directory available. Recommending a potential member has never been easier nor has submitting your name to volunteer for the Order. Just “connect” and go.

All of this is available now including easier navigation to associated websites. For all your needs online, your first and only stop is at www.kappaalphaorder.org.

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online newsletter system will supplement the *Journal* carrying information for Active and Alumni Members. *The Varlet* and the *Kappa Alpha Laws* are also presented in this format.

- *All-encompassing “Connect” feature*: Any constituent of the Order can use the “Connect” link from the homepage to easily submit *Journal* material, update contact

What’s next?

The Order is proud to begin a trial phase of template chapter websites offered to each Active Chapter. Their integration with goKA will enable direct connection with databases for real-time membership updates. We look forward to reporting on these tools in the next issue of *The Journal*. ■■■

An innovative, efficiency-enabling tool that networks our membership, goKA is a chapter's communication portal and all brothers' go to place for KA resources. With drag-and-drop technology, you can customize your goKA Dashboard, putting front and center the tools you use the most and the things that you want to see. Make it your own by choosing your newsfeeds, widgets for your dashboard, your own pictures under your profile and linking your Facebook account.

The screenshot displays the goKA dashboard for a user named Jason Alan. The interface is organized into several sections:

- Header:** goKA logo, user profile (Jason Alan, Initiate 4/25/2002), and navigation links (Help, Logout).
- Left Sidebar:** Navigation menu including Dashboard, Account, Communications, Search, and Chapter.
- Main Content Area:**
 - Kappa Alpha Order News:** A news feed with articles such as "Visiting Lexington - Pi Chapter New Members" and "KA recruitment results so far!".
 - Jason's Account Summary:** A financial overview showing a balance due of \$325.00, with options to "PAY NOW" or view statements.
 - Calendar:** A calendar view showing events like "EVERTON V LIVERPOOL" and "CHAPTER MEETING".
 - CNN.com:** A news feed with headlines like "CIA drone killed cleric, officials say" and "Coincidence that Saleh just returned?".
 - Weather:** A weather widget for "Congressional Schools, Falls Church, VA" showing "Mostly Cloudy" conditions.
 - myLinks:** A section for linking external resources like "OmegaFi" and "Summer Kappa Alpha Journal".
 - Facebook Friends:** A section displaying profile pictures of friends.

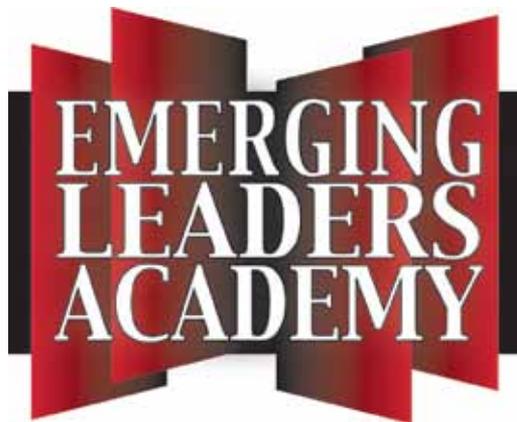
Your goKA provides:

- Facebook integration that allows you to link your FB and goKA accounts, login with your FB credentials, check your News Feed and see your friends.
- Mass texting of your membership. Select recipients individually, choose a prebuilt category or just create your own.
- Easy access to connect with our membership through volunteer, brother and chapter searches.
- Auto-notifications of activity such as new KA documents uploaded for your access, new polls or calendar events for you to see, and Facebook notifications and requests you've received.
- Your personal picture profile...you'll decide how you look on goKA, in member lists and communications with your chapter.
- Undergraduates may send an invitation to a parent or guardian to establish access to view your OmegaFi member account or pay your bill and enjoy their own customizable dashboard, without sharing any other information from your goKA.
- Customization to your heart's content! Your dashboard has drag-and-drop technology that allows you to put front and center the tools you use the most and the things that you want to see.



Alumni register for access by clicking "Sign In", then "Register for access" on kappaalphaorder.org, or use your OmegaFi credentials.

goKA will network our membership, be a chapter's communication portal and will serve as your lifetime resource for access to the Order.



A Summer of Excellence

Educational conferences shape the Order's future leadership

This past July, 161 Kappa Alpha's came to Lexington to participate in the 6th Emerging Leaders Academy (ELA) that took place on the campus of Washington & Lee University. The Academy offers three unique learning opportunities (Mock Chapter, Track Sessions, Leadership Session Series).

MOCK CHAPTER

Mock Chapter allows participants to be placed in small groups to learn how to operate as an Active Chapter. From officer elections to creating a term plan for the chapter, participants had a great time competing for The Model Chapter Award. Outstanding peer leaders in the Order were selected to serve as Mock Chapter Advisors for the mock chapter meetings. Each group presented their plan to Former Knight Commander J. Michael Duncan, Senior Councilor Russell Brown, and Councilor C. Douglas Simmons.

TRACK SESSIONS

Members also had the opportunity to gain more knowledge in the Track Sessions which consisted of the Certified Chapter Recruiter Course, New Member Education, Council of Honor, Chapter Leadership, and the 12th Crusade RoundTable (Crusade Commanders that lead The Crusade for their chapter participated in this track focusing on our total membership development program).

LEADERSHIP GENERAL SERIES

Director of Communications Jesse Lyons began our Leadership Session Series presenting on bystander behavior.

Top left: Major General James Hobson addresses ELA participants on leadership and his experiences. Top: ELA participants helping with a service project. Above: ELA participants during a peer-led values discussion.



MG James Hobson (Gamma Gamma – Memphis '61) provided his military and executive leadership at an engaging presentation at the VMI George C. Marshall Leadership Center. Senior Councilor Russell C. Brown presented on the history of Kappa Alpha Order and facilitated a walking tour focusing on sites that are unique to our founding. Former Knight Commander Mike Duncan ended our series as he discussed leadership principles from his law enforcement career and long time involvement with Kappa Alpha Order.

Additional highlights of the conference included the brotherhood experience at the local drive-in movie theater, evening baseball game, community service, and model initiation.

6TH STEWARDS OF THE ORDER

At the conclusion of the Emerging Leaders Academy the Stewards of the Order ritual workshop was conducted for undergraduates and alumni. The workshop was led by Councilor Russell Brown and Councilor C. Douglas Simmons. Eighty-four were in attendance and became official Stewards. A dinner reception was held at Mulberry Hill to recognize their participation with the program. ■■■

Above left: ELA brothers at check-in. Above middle: Brothers listening to a bystander behavior presentation. Above right: At the end of volunteering at the Area Free Clinic.

Mock Chapter Advisors

- Brian Farrington (Alpha Delta – William Jewell '08)
- Brook Sebren (Gamma Nu – Louisiana-Monroe '09)
- Charlie Humphreys (Nu – Auburn '08)
- Cody Thomas (Theta - Kentucky '09)
- Dan Amato (Gamma Eta - Florida State '08)
- David Berry (Alpha Eta – Westminster '09)
- Evan Karanovich (Epsilon Nu – Georgia College '11)
- Joel Buck (Epsilon Nu – Georgia College '08)
- Kelvin Rutledge (Provisional – Austin Peay State)
- Kent Landacre (Epsilon Kappa – Southeastern Louisiana '09)
- Kip Teegardin (Zeta Rho - Arkansas – Fort Smith '09)
- Paul Dollahite (Beta Eta – Oklahoma '10)
- Peter Cuderman (Zeta Pi – Florida Gulf Coast '09)
- Thomas Stortz (Beta Alpha – Missouri S&T '09)
- Tullis Beasley (Delta Rho - Valdosta State '09)
- Tyler Bullis (Alpha Delta - William Jewell '10)

Awards

At the conclusion of the conference, all of the Mock Chapter Advisors selected top participants to be awarded special recognition for their conduct, participation, leadership, and vision to make Kappa Alpha Order the very best fraternity.

Excelsior Leadership Award: Future Leadership Award

- Edgar P. Pritchett (Nu – Auburn '10)
- Dylan J. Melling (Zeta Omicron – Southern Indiana '10)
- Logan J. Opsahl (Gamma Eta – Florida State '10)

Robert E. Lee Gentleman Award: Leaders that conducted themselves as gentlemen

- John Patrick Davison (Delta Rho – Valdosta State '08)
- Donald H. Combs (Alpha Theta – Transylvania '09)
- Peyton A. East (Beta Tau – Mississippi State '10)

George C. Marshall Involvement Award: Outstanding participation overall

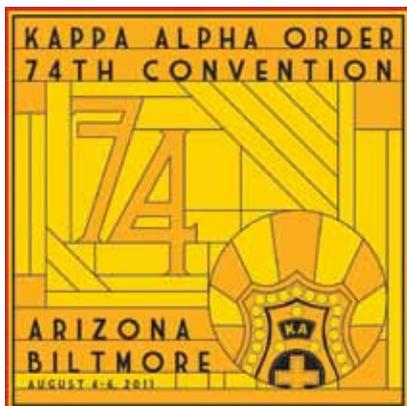
- Gregory Trent Sims (Pi – Tennessee '09)
- Cody E. Yarbrough (Gamma Nu – Louisiana-Monroe '09)
- Patrick L. DelBuono (Beta Rho – Roanoke '10)

William E. Forester Award: Devoted to KA and their Mock Chapter

- Andrew D. Kropilak (Iota – Furman University '11)
- Jesse A. Brewer (Provisional - Austin Peay State)
- Cliff D. Burkett (Nu – Auburn '09)

Samuel Zenas Ammen Award: MVP's of their Mock Chapter

- Mathew T. Tooker (Nu – Auburn '09)
- Phillip Jervey Roper (Delta – Wofford '10)
- Forbes B. Smallwood (Pi –Tennessee '10)
- Matthew J. Hyman (Alpha Rho – West Virginia '09)



74th Convention a Success

Desert gathering sees large attendance, exciting developments, and new Knight Commander

by Stuart Whetsell (Delta Psi – Appalachian State '06)



Above: The Loyal Order reception cake. Right: Curtis Perzinski (Eta – Richmond '08) leads the entire Convention with a rousing KA Chorus before the Knight Commander's Address.

The 74th Biennial Convention took place, August 4-6, 2011 in Phoenix, Arizona at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel and Resort. This marked the first time that the Order's Convention has been held in Arizona since the 63rd Convention (1989) in Scottsdale,

(Alpha Xi) and Stanford (Alpha Pi) for over 100 years. On top of that, the 40th, 46th and 64th Conventions were all hosted in the state of California. KA and the West have a relationship that is well connected within the Order's history.

This Convention, KA was elated

Convention programming was in full swing, as members attended LeadershipKA, an interactive selective alumni class to learn more about the Order. Valuable skills are also taught that are necessary to lead on a local and national level.

The 36th Knight Commander, David M. Warren, led Convention Orientation. Then, Session One was called to Order by the 38th Knight Commander, J. Michael Duncan, Thursday afternoon, August 4th. Daniel R. Neal Province Commander Douglas W. Hanisch (Epsilon Tau – Northern Arizona '98) reminded the assembled brothers just how hot it was in Phoenix that week.

This year's Model Initiation was conducted flawlessly by the brothers of Northern Arizona (Epsilon Tau) and Arizona State (Epsilon Omega). Special thanks should be given to Cas Heilman (Zeta Mu – Washington '97) for his direction of the model initiation.

Thursday night marked the unveiling of the Order's new lifetime connection initiative, Forever KA. For more information, please visit www.foreverKA.com. Knight Commander Duncan

Friday was certainly a day designed for KAs! The James D. Hunter Memorial Golf Tournament, the 14th Annual Bid for Brotherhood, followed by an evening at Chase Field to see the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Arizona. With over 500 attendees throughout the week's festivities, the 74th Convention will go down in the record books as the highest attended Convention, west of the Mississippi.

The Order's relationship with the Western United States boasts a rich and proud tradition. With thousands of alumni living in the state of Arizona alone, KA has had a presence at California-Berkeley

to have all living Former Knight Commanders in attendance. Whether sharing some of their experience and knowledge, or just greeting an undergraduate attendee, their attendance and presence warmed all in attendance's KA spirit. Brothers Hanson, Taylor, Traylor, Paulson, Estes, Warren, and Satcher each lent their own brand of excitement to our meeting.

Our Order



Above: Ammen Province brothers during the Pledge of Allegiance. Left: Knight Commander Duncan congratulates Councilor Kay on the dais after receiving his Knight Commander's Accolade.

36th Executive Council

- William E. Dreyer, 39th Knight Commander (Alpha Delta – William Jewell '57)
- Russell C. Brown, Senior Councilor (Delta Sigma – Houston Baptist '82)
- King V. Aiken, Jr, Councilor (Kappa – Mercer '83)
- David P. Barksdale, Councilor (Tau – Wake Forest '83)
- Darren S. Kay, Councilor (Alpha Eta – Westminster '88)
- Sam O. Leake, Jr, Councilor (Beta Xi – Oklahoma State '61)
- C. Douglas Simmons, III, Councilor (Beta Tau – Mississippi State '95)

and others implored us to “keep the connection for life.”

Friday was certainly a day designed for KAs! Starting the morning off early with the James D. Hunter Memorial Golf Tournament, leading into the 14th Annual Bid for Brotherhood, followed by an evening at Chase Field to see the Arizona Diamondbacks take on the Los Angeles Dodgers. Loyal Order members were given special attention, as they viewed the game from a private suite, overlooking the stadium. Chuck Drago (Epsilon Omega – Arizona State '01), announcer for the D'backs reported to the suite early to say hello to all his fellow KA brothers.

Both Bid for Brotherhood, and the Jim Hunter Golf Tournament proved to be a success. Funds were raised for the benefit of the Order and a great time was had by all. Special thanks to Director of Development Erik Showalter, and Former Knight Commanders James R. Estes and Ben W. Satcher, Jr. for their efforts in setting up these events.

Saturday morning came and we were right back to business. The Undergraduate Conference was convened by National Undergraduate J. Martin Huff (Delta – Wofford '08), as the Alumni

Conference was underway under the direction of Chief Alumnus Steve Steele (Delta Kappa – Stephen F. Austin State '86). The conference adjourned with a new Chief Alumnus, M. Tyler Griffin, and a new Deputy Chief Alumnus, Darron E. Franta.

One of the highlights of Convention had to be this year's KAOEF Leadership Lecture Luncheon speaker, William A. “Bill” Wood (Alpha – Washington & Lee '03). Bill is the grandson of our principle founder, James Ward Wood. Attendees sat in awe as Bill told stories of his grandfather's escapades, and how his vision founded and shaped the history of the Order forever. Upon the conclusion, Bill stepped down from the podium to a standing ovation from the crowd. Jesse Lyons, Director of Communications then took the stage, to launch and promote the new website. Attendees enjoyed the much needed improvements. Please visit www.kappaalphaorder.org, to see for yourself!

That afternoon, Convention session resumed after Committees had completed their business. Legislation was voted on regarding *Kappa Alpha Laws* and is available on the national website. Session II also marked the election of the 39th

Knight Commander, Brother William E. Dreyer (Alpha Delta – William Jewell '57) along with the 36th Executive Council.

That evening the newly elected and installed Knight Commander addressed attendees at the Knight Commander's Installation Banquet. He discussed his issues he will be tackling over his term, as well as gave a crowd cheering speech proclaiming that all his grandsons are “future KAs.”

Overall, from top to bottom, the 74th Convention was a huge success. A fun filled week of brotherhood, business, and a great time had by all! If you weren't able to join us this time, make plans to join us in 2013 at the 75th Convention in San Antonio, Texas. 🇺🇸

Knight Commander's Medal

Awarded for only the fifth time to Chris Pettey (Nu – Auburn '06)



The Knight Commander's Medal was created to recognize acts of heroism and bravery by undergraduate and alumni brothers. 38th Knight Commander J. Michael Duncan created the concept and then asked the Executive Council to codify the practice into regulations, which it did. To date, five men have been bestowed with the award.

The Knight Commander's Medal is a gold medallion with the words "Kappa Alpha Order" and "Courage" engraved on the front surrounded by a golden sunburst. On the back appears the phrase "Be a hero in the strife" along with the initials of the recipient and the sequential number of the medal.

Late one evening in September, 2006 three KA brothers from Nu Chapter at Auburn University came upon a horrible car accident on Interstate 65. One of the vehicles driven by Jolean Harris an 18-year-old waitress from Lafayette, Ala. had been hit head-on by a drunk driver. Both cars were twisted together in flames near the woods on the side of the road. These three young men, Daniel Brinson, Terrell Webb and

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Chris Pettey responded and found Jolean trapped inside one of the vehicles. They could hear her scream that she was burning alive. Our brothers approached the burning cars, broke the window and pulled Jolean to safety. They then carried Jolene up to the interstate away from danger and called for help. Even though two other individuals could not be saved and perished in the wreckage that night, Ms. Harris went through months of rehabilitation and was able to enroll at Southern Union State College. Ms. Harris' injuries were so severe that doctors initially thought she might never walk again, but due to the actions of Brothers Brinson, Webb and Pettey her life was saved.

Daniel and Terrell were both recognized at the Convention in 2007, but it wasn't until recently that the Order learned of Chris's involvement in this heroic act. Knight Commander Duncan, at the recent Emerging Leaders Academy in Lexington, Va., was proud to present him the Knight Commander's Medal. Chris exhibited exceptional character and courage in the face of danger that night saving a young woman's life. The whole Order can be inspired by what our everyday members do when they are called to action. Chris comes from a long line of KAs at Auburn, including his father, grandfather, uncle, brother and cousin. ■■■

Conferral of the Knight Commander's Accolades



The first Knight Commander's Accolades were awarded by then Knight Commander Henry J. Foresman (Beta Commission – VMI '41) in 1967. He created the award to recognize excellence in leadership and service to the Order. The Executive Council subsequently passed a regulation creating and defining the award as such and stating that the award is given at the sole discretion of the Knight Commander. The Knight Commander's Accolade is the highest individual honor an alumnus can receive. Over the past forty-four years, fourteen Knight Commanders have conferred this high honor on only one-hundred and ninety-seven recipients.

In 1999, Former Knight Commander Idris R. Taylor (Gamma Chi-Texas Tech '70) designed, and the Executive Council authorized the creation of, a jewel or medallion for this award. The medallion is a crimson cross, outlined in gold, with a golden knight on horseback, centered. The jewel hangs from a ribbon collar of crimson and old gold.

The jewel/medallion was first presented in 2001.

The three most recent recipients merit our attention and honor. Their cumulative dedication to the Order and its chapters is astounding, and their individual achievements provide a model for all alumni and undergraduate brothers. ■■■

To view the entire recipient list and complete bios, go online to www.kappaalphaorder.org/alumni.



Knight Commander Duncan presents the Accolade in Ault's memory.



Lawrence Ault

**Lawrence E. Ault
(Delta Delta -
East Tennessee '71)**

Presented posthumously on August 4th at the 74th Convention, Session I

Lawrence E. Ault attended East Tennessee State University where he was initiated into Delta Delta chapter in 1971. He is a 1980 graduate of the Nashville School of Law. He served as the attorney for the local Shriner's organization, Kerbela Temple. Ault received the prestigious award of Knoxville's Top Lawyer for 2009.

Brother Ault was a familiar face at Feller Province Councils and at Conventions, often serving as the Sergeant at Arms. He served on the Pi Chapter Alumni Advisory Committee, and a member of the housing corporation for approximately 27 years. He was a member of the Feller and Candler Province Courts of Honor. Brother Ault was a Mason and a member of the Cherokee Lodge Number 728, F&AM, Scottish Rite 33rd degree, York Rite, Kerbela Temple Provost Guard. He was a member of Sons of the Revolution; Past Exalted Ruler of the Knoxville Elks Lodge BPOE; and an accomplished Eagle Scout.

**Darron E. Franta
(Gamma Tau - Sam Houston
State University '90)**

Presented on August 6th at the 74th Convention, Knight Commander's Accolade Reception

Darron E. Franta attended Sam Houston State University where he was initiated into Gamma Tau chapter in 1990. He joined the National Administrative Office in 1993 where he served as Director of Communications and Editor of *The Kappa Alpha Journal*. Darron was head of Marketing Communications for the international firm of McGuireWoods, LLP where he was responsible for marketing and communication efforts for a 15-office, 800-lawyer firm. Darron is a member of the Ammen, Walsh and Wood Courts of Honor.

**Darren S. Kay
(Alpha Eta -
Westminster College '88)**

Presented on August 6th at the 74th Convention, Session II

Darren S. Kay attended Westminster College where he was initiated into Alpha Eta chapter in 1988. He holds a B.A. Degree in Accounting, Business Administration and Economics. Darren is a partner in the Kansas City office of Ernst & Young where he has specialized in the insurance industry during his 20-year career in Ernst & Young's assurance and advisory services practice.

He leads Ernst & Young's insurance practice in the Missouri/Kansas marketplace and is a frequent speaker on insurance industry topics.

Darren is a current member of the 36th Executive Council where he has served since his election in August, 2007. He also serves on the Audit Committee for Kappa Alpha Order as well as an Audit Committee for the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation.

He is a member of the Chiles and Frampton Courts of Honor.



Darron Franta

Darren & Karen Kay
with sons Mason
and Allen.

Brothers Around The Order

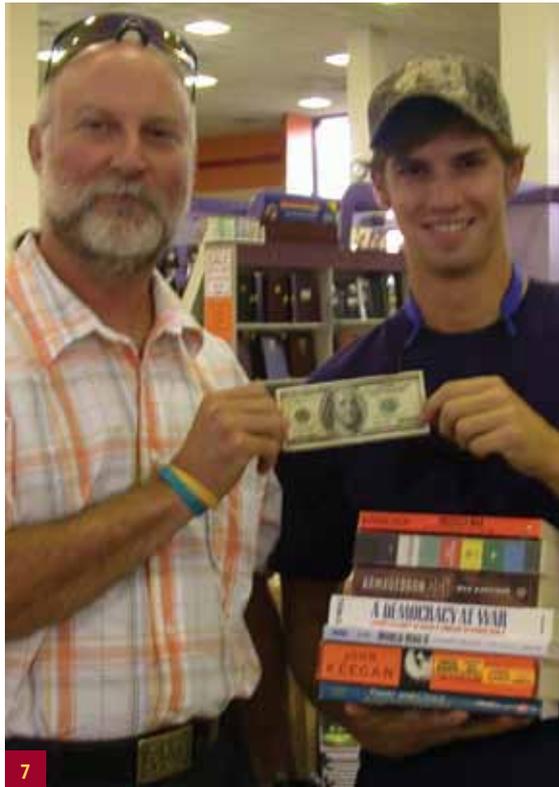
(1) Jordan Hale (Zeta Rho – Arkansas – Fort Smith '09) a congressional intern and Congressman Steve Womack (Epsilon Zeta – Arkansas Tech '78), Capitol Steps. (2) Former KAOEF Trustee Nat Rogers (Alpha Mu – Millsaps '38), reads Lee's General Order No. 9, Irwin Court of Honor. (3) Lee Hunter with tournament winners: Johnny Blankenship (Nu – Auburn '08), Colby Hunter (Gamma Epsilon – Arizona '92), Charlie Humphreys (Nu – Auburn '08), Matt Hooker (Nu – Auburn '09). (4) Bobby Ross (Beta Kappa – Maryland '68), Tyler Griffin (Alpha Delta – William Jewell '98), Ed Norris (Alpha Delta – William Jewell '80), Ben Wilson (Gamma Omega – Midwestern State '64). (5) Actives: Carter Harsh (Alpha



KAOEF Jim Hunter Memorial Golf Tournament Attendees



Beta – Alabama '08), William Harvey (Alpha Beta – Alabama '08), Christopher Schatzman (Gamma – Georgia '08), Leland McCluskey (Gamma – Georgia '08). (6) Northern Arizona Alumni: Kyle Bergeson, Nathan Ragan, Chad McFarland, Tom Bilsten. (7) Dylan Lee (Epsilon Eta – Virginia Tech '11) receiving a textbook scholarship from faculty advisor Ken Stiles (Zeta – Randolph-Macon '78). Lee had the highest GPA of his class. (8) Gary Tucker (Alpha – Washington & Lee '85), Mark Harbarger (Nu – Auburn '77), and Tim Adams, Jr. (Alpha – Washington & Lee '91) present Frank Wilson (Chi – Vanderbilt '31) with his 80-year membership certificate. (9) George Mason Actives Jason VonCanon, Sam Ogdock, Miss USA Teresa Scanlan, Dylan Biase and Sean Hobaugh. (10) Antiques Roadshow's Mark Walberg (Delta Tau – Francis Marion '81) and John Cox (Delta Theta – Georgia Southern '73). (11) 2010's Irwin Court of Honor inductees: Harry Moore Walker, Jason Barrett, George Stevens Hollister, Robert M Crosland III, John McCarthy, Hite Colby Lane, William Riley Flatt, A. Brent Saunders



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TIMES OF LOSS. OF TRAGEDY. OF DISASTER.

If you have lived, you have had them. They announce themselves in those buzzes and dings of your iPhone or Blackberry with breaking news alerts.

Or when your favorite morning broadcast is interrupted with

horrific footage of a plane striking a building.

Or when you answer the phone to find the caller's somber tone in reply to your greeting.

Or when a cut of firewood strikes the interstate 30 yards in front of your car like a wooden foreshadowing of events to come.

They are personal and they are national. They mean something to you at home and in your heart. They hurt in so many ways.

As members of the Order, we are asked to turn our eyes to that light which casts dark shadows. We are impressed upon to remember that without periods of darkness, the periods in the light are not nearly as beautiful and bright.

In reality, such often used words uttered in a chapter meeting, everyday conversation or even in the middle of a crisis are laid upon deaf ears. Too much can be in the way of understanding. Exclusive of tragedy, you have regular life demanding your attention. Work, school, family, repeat. Within an extraordinary event, the immediate need is paramount. Find, help, assist, repair, save, repeat.

However, upon close reflection, after the events of emergency are settled and vision is cleared, one is often able to begin to understand. Indeed, it is grieving through denial, anger, bargaining, sadness and acceptance. According to some experts you may experience all or some of these periods at one time

or singularly. But most if not all of these emotions are necessary. Then, you can begin to understand the contrast between both the joyous and most unsettling times of our lives.

They say time heals all wounds, and that may be true. Such wounds—mental, emotional, physical—may need mere hours, while others require decades; still some endure that continued dull ache of loss.

Faith, family, and personal strength are tested. They are tested hard. It is often the actions, feelings, and support of others, including our brothers, that help us through tragedy. Actions might be heroic to the point of danger. Or it could be a leant shoulder from time to time. In any form, Kappa Alpha brothers are there for one another. They are there with this knowledge to help others through their own personal journey.

The following stories amount for some serious loss, pain, and suffering. And hope. Join in and remember that today is better than yesterday for them and for all of us in these kinds of experiences. 🇺🇸

A photograph of a sunset over a field. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and the field. The sky is filled with scattered clouds, some of which are illuminated by the setting sun. The foreground is a dark green field. Overlaid on the image is large, white, serif text.

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Kappa Alpha brothers battle tragedy and seek triumph.

by Jesse S. Lyons (Delta Alpha – Western Carolina '98)



Above: The neighbor's home, near Perry Girton's parents. Opposite: The cross at St. Peter's church in Joplin has become an icon of the tornado aftermath, and resolve.

On the late afternoon of May 22nd, 2011, Joplin, Missouri became the scene of disaster. The deadliest tornado to hit the United States since 1947; the seventh-deadliest single tornado in U.S. history, and 27th deadliest in all of world history arrived. All told, 159 people were killed in the event.

This direct hit was from an EF5 (see page 34 for scale) multi-vortex tornado that spanned 1-mile wide. While it tore through the south side of town, it even rapidly intensified its havoc. When citizens emerged from the rubble there was little to no knowledge of what fully happened. Communications systems were out. Roads were impassable. Fear was gripping.

With 7,000 buildings destroyed and \$2.2 billion worth of claims to be filed, life in Joplin looked beyond repair.

This account is my perspective on some great KA heroes. They may be too modest to share how much the tornado and aftermath has changed their lives and families. All of the Joplin area alumni and actives are, not were, affected in some way. As such this is not a comprehensive list.

All brothers mentioned are initiates of the Delta Pi chapter at Missouri Southern State University



MY KA EXPERIENCE BEGAN IN 1996 WHEN

the powers-that-be roomed me with a KA. He was a fellow honors student and pre-med major. We were very different characters, but from the start we had a bond. One night, he and another KA, came to me about joining the fraternity. Affirming my beliefs in the Order was one my best decisions.

Fast forward to three years ago. I returned "home" to about 20 miles from Joplin. I didn't have a place to live, so another brother Don Greenlee ('95) offered his home until I could get settled. In addition, I have gotten to know Perry Girton ('92), since moving back. If anyone embodies a true KA heart, it's Perry. We share not only a fraternal bond, and a love of sports, but both our sons are diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome. Perry attends every KA event. He is triumphant in the face of turmoil. Through this move, my KA family, and my love for it, continued to grow.

These men and others, each played a role in Joplin's greatest disaster in history.

The Night

The night of the tornado, my family and I were 20 miles away, safely watching television. The first knowledge I had of any devastation came in a text from Perry: "A bomb, John, a bomb." I had nothing to say but: "?" Perry was out there. In the dark, in the rain, with downed power lines, debris, and bodies lying in the streets, Perry was searching for his Mom and Dad. They survived, but their house was destroyed.

Danny Day ('77), Delta Pi's alumnus advisor for fifteen years, was driving home from work, towards Joplin. It was a nasty storm, but he was able to drive. Then, out of the storm flew a piece of firewood. It struck the road 30 yards in front of him. This was the time he decided he should get off the road—immediately. He waited out the

the *HEART* *of* *Brotherhood*

What's found in the rubble?

By John Weedn (Delta Pi – Missouri Southern State '96)



Photo by Melissa Cheung, USFWS

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After the storm, KA brothers (at left) helped him get the “Medicine Shoppe” up and running less than a week after being completely destroyed.

storm at a nearby convenience station and stayed in contact with his wife. His wife, sister, and youngest son Robert (the current Delta Pi Number 1) were all in their basement. They had a tree crash through their roof and another on their well house. Rain poured in the roof for days until Danny and other brothers were able to make the repair.

Help Delivered

After the storm Don Greenlee, who put me up when I was moving home, was able to send me a message that he needed gas for a generator. Gas was available but containers had sold out. He also needed some cigarettes for his mom. Misty Menthol Light 100’s. The gas station attendant certainly got a laugh when I (all 6’9” 275lb of me) filled up 5 gas cans then came in and bought her out of those cigarettes. I hopped in my truck for a trip that normally took about thirty minutes. It took almost two hours. It was impossible to find a clear street and there were electric lines

and debris everywhere.

Don’s fence had been knocked over and there was trash all over, but he and his fiancé were ok. His mom, however, had lost everything. A few days’ later KA brothers helped him rebuild his fence and dig out what they could at his mom’s house. A place where we had spent hours playing pool and eating burgers was gone. Hardest of all was watching Don’s mom sorting through the wet papers and broken memories of her life. Don is the Joplin area director of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Despite losing his office as well, he had another office up and running just a couple of weeks after the storm.

Found and Lost

Arron Coots (’92) was searching after the storm and couldn’t locate his son Brayden and his mother. On his way to their house, by car and foot, he saw an older lady who seemed confused. She asked for a blanket for her husband. He was not doing well, she said. Arron found a tarp but when he approached

the husband did not find a pulse. The man had been impaled by a stop sign. Arron covered him and said some words of comfort to the lady. His attention refocused on his son and he kept moving. He then spotted his son, safe, emerging from a neighbor’s basement. Some therapy and a lot of prayer show him what Joplin has been through and what it is still becoming.

Beacons of Hope

Perry took us to his house a few days later; I’ll never forget it. From the top of the hill behind his parents’ house, we could see destruction in all directions. We stood next to the cross at St. Mary’s ... the only thing standing for miles around.

Several brothers from different eras were on hand to help Perry salvage from his old home. One of the oddest items was found in the area of where his old room had been. An alumnus, Aaron Coots, was helping family dig through remnants when he called my attention to

All Brothers, All Affected

◆ **Dave Burnett** (’92) sent out a call to any KA brothers who could help him get a pharmacy up and running. Scott Symes came from Kansas City to help, family in tow. Many, including Perry and Don, both of whom had their own cleanup, set up and restocked the pharmacy. ◆

Tom Williams (’97) convinced the cable company he worked for to make restoring Internet a priority. The “Medicine Shoppe” was up and running less than a week after being completely destroyed through an effort of brotherhood.

◆ **Bob Kelly** (’73), who recruited me to Kappa Alpha, helped feed and house a couple with a 10-month old baby who had been ordered to evacuate due to a gas line break and explosion concern. Bob’s insurance agency lost four clients lives to the storm and has paid out almost

\$14.5 million in claims. They are only one of seven agencies for his company in Joplin.

◆ **David Cooper** (’98) was with his mom who had surgery days before and was in Freeman Hospital rather than St. John’s. These two hospitals are only about a mile apart, but being



something he found. "Is this yours?" he asked. Perry had been out of this house for almost ten years and nothing of his remained. Aaron held up a collectible horse that certainly was not Perry's. The tornado had intermixed many items and belongings from everywhere and there were several of these toy and collectible horses all over the place, but this one was different.

Upon further inspection, the tag read "#718, General Lee's Traveller." Perry and Aaron just looked at each other and started laughing. No one around could understand what was so funny. Only two KA's could understand its significance. "The General is trying to send you a message." "I guess so," replied Perry. Perry is not one to read too much into things like that, but I do know it seemed like this wasn't going to be as insurmountable as we had thought and we could get through this and it will be better.

Perry continued to be a beacon of hope. One of the news stations produced

a video of a prayer vigil and there in the middle of everyone is Perry, holding strong to an American Flag. As he dealt with the aftermath, his testimony and encouragement grew in a time when so many held only despair and frustration

What's in the rubble?

It's still hard to drive around Joplin, literally and emotionally. The landmarks and street signs are gone. Imagine, telling someone to turn right at the Taco Bell on Main, but there is no Taco Bell. The closest building still standing is a mile away. The hangouts and houses, where brothers talked about girls, school, jobs, life, and girls aren't there anymore. The twisted cars, bare trees, and imploded houses still bring tears to our eyes. In many areas three months later the devastation is much the same as it was just a few days after the tragedy.

What is apparent, what still remains, is the heart of the brotherhood. In early August, a group of us went an alumnus

Don Greenlee's bachelor party. He is moving to his new house, and his mom, Jo, who lost her house in the Tornado, is moving into his previous one. The Delta Pi 40th Anniversary planning committee is still planning. Missouri Southern has started class and the annual KA Alumni BBQ is around the corner. Perry will be there.

Kappa Alpha Order confirms and helps us identify beliefs we already hold. Our brothers are made, not found. And they found the heart of brotherhood in the Joplin rubble. ■■■

Opposite: KAs at work helping rebuild a pharmacy supported by an alumnus. Top left: Traveller ended up in Perry's parent's house; images of the destruction in Joplin taken by KAs. Above: (from left) Danny Day, alumnus advisor of the year, Knight Commander Duncan, Bob Kelly and Chad Waggoner, recognizing Joplin Area Alumni Chapter as the William E. Forester Alumni Chapter of the Year Award.

in the right one probably saved her life. St. John's was moved four feet from its original foundation.

■ **Matt Grooms** ('94) lost both his and his fiancé's house.

■ Actives and family brothers, **Doung** ('07) and **Richard Tran**

('10) lost their home in Joplin. It was totally destroyed. The Order is replacing their KA possessions at no cost. Active George Ueno also lost his house.

■ **Derrick Good** ('97), a fellow attorney, called and asked if he and his wife could stay at my house for a couple of days.

He was bringing a trailer of food, and was the front man for a group of Missouri lawyers who helped victims cut the red tape that follows disaster.

■ **John Mimnaugh** ('99) and **Jeff Wilson** ('00) came from St. Louis and helped where they could.

Including climbing **Danny Day's** roof.

■ **Nathan Mills** ('07) is an undergraduate and editor of the Missouri Southern newspaper, *The Chart*. He lost his car to the tornado, but not his sense of humor.



by Alex LaButis
(Epsilon Iota – Texas State '10)



Photos: Ray Massie (far left); Michael Wrose (left)

FIRE RELIEF

While battling their own grief and uncertainties, brothers rally to make a difference.

As of publishing time, the fires in Bastrop, Texas had begun to affect brothers and alumni. Here is an account of such affect and a response by Epsilon Iota at Texas State University.

BASTROP, TEXAS HAS LONG SINCE BEEN FAVORED BY RANCHERS, hunters, and fisherman alike. On the afternoon of September 4th, 2011, Bastrop would be changed forever. Near the Bastrop State Park two fires took their birth. With drought like symptoms plaguing the state of Texas, these simple fires grew rapidly to sizes unimaginable by many. Engulfing over 34,000 acres of land, 600 homes, and two lives, fire departments from all over the state scrambled to gain control over this natural beast which has already left over 5,000 residents homeless and hungry. Having three members whose families call Bastrop home, Kappa Alpha Order's Epsilon Iota chapter at Texas State University has experienced this tragedy first hand.

Tyle Coglan and John Goetz of KA have both had their homes taken by the fire, leaving many things in question. On Tuesday September 6th, Epsilon Iota held their weekly chapter meeting with philanthropy on everyone's mind. Upon coming out of their meeting, Epsilon Iota set plans in motion for what is

title as the "Bastrop Relief Food Drive". Calling upon the Texas State student body to donate non perishable food items, clothes, shoes, and toiletries, KA members pitched a tent in the middle of campus each day holding a week and a half long food drive in hopes of doing whatever good can be done for the people who have lost everything so quickly. The fire as of September 7th continues to rage across the hill country of Texas with only 30% contained.

Five days after talking with Tyle and John, more information about their situation surfaced. John's house was actually falsely reported as burnt down and with much surprise and gratitude his house still stands. Tyle on the other hand is in a different situation. His brother told him three days ago his house burnt down. Just yesterday he was informed, first, that his house was not on the fire department's releases and then hours later he was told his yard was on fire.

An underlying stress we've come to notice is the uncertainty amongst the victims of this fire. Because large amounts of Bastrop are evacuated, inconsistency amongst fire reports has become an issue. ■■■

Darkness *into* Light

In a country ravaged by poverty, one brother helps make a difference.

by Joshua Robich
(Beta Gamma – Charleston '11)



Top: Robich making friends and a personal difference with Haiti youth. Above: The excitement of children seems never to be quelled when given and opportunity to rejoice.

I STEPPED OFF THE PLANE IN CAP-HAITIEN, HAITI INTO WHAT felt like a sauna. Little did I know, there would be little relief from this heat for the next two and a half weeks. As the drive to our compound started, I noticed an aroma sort of like smoke in the air. It wasn't the kind of smoke you smell from an ordinary fire however, but the kind only produced from burning trash. It was a thick and almost palpable stink. The looks from the locals were mixed with both smiles and glares.

The trip to Haiti was with a team of 16 leaders from my church back home who run our huge summer camp we call "KidsFest" held on the grounds of the church. This camp allows over 1,200 kids from kindergarten to 6th grade to have one of the greatest weeks of their lives and more importantly, to hear the message given to us by our Lord, Jesus Christ. The goal of the trip to Haiti was to create this camp in a local upstart orphanage that our church had partnered with, and also to help distribute some relief supplies due to the recent earthquake.

The immediate community surrounding the orphanage consisted of an extremely poor rural population; most of whom had never heard of Jesus, let alone what he's done for them. As a matter of fact, half of the country practices Voodoo. Unemployment is around 88%, and the average employed Haitian makes less than a dollar a day.

Watching KidsFest Haiti develop was powerful beyond words. I was able to watch Haitian children who were dressed up in their very best clothes see things like a jump-rope for the first times in their lives. I saw them use their God-given creativity to put together crafts of all sorts like they had never been able to before. Even the simple rice and beans we provided for them every day was more than most of them probably ate in a week. Just as in our fraternity's ritual, I was truly able to see Haitian children come from darkness into light. It is one thing to see a child from the privileged area of Wexford, Pennsylvania learn about Jesus, and quite another to see a Haitian orphan hear the message of God. God gave us the power to share his gospel with over 400 Haitian children.

One specific experience that I will remember forever was to see a local witch doctor attend our church service at the end of the camp. I am extremely blessed to be able to have helped spread the message of our Lord in a place very much opposite of what we are used to as members of the Kappa Alpha Order. Words will never describe how thankful I am to have truly helped bring a community from darkness into light. ■■■

T-TOWN. NEVER DOWN.

by Parker Graham (Alpha Beta-Alabama '10)

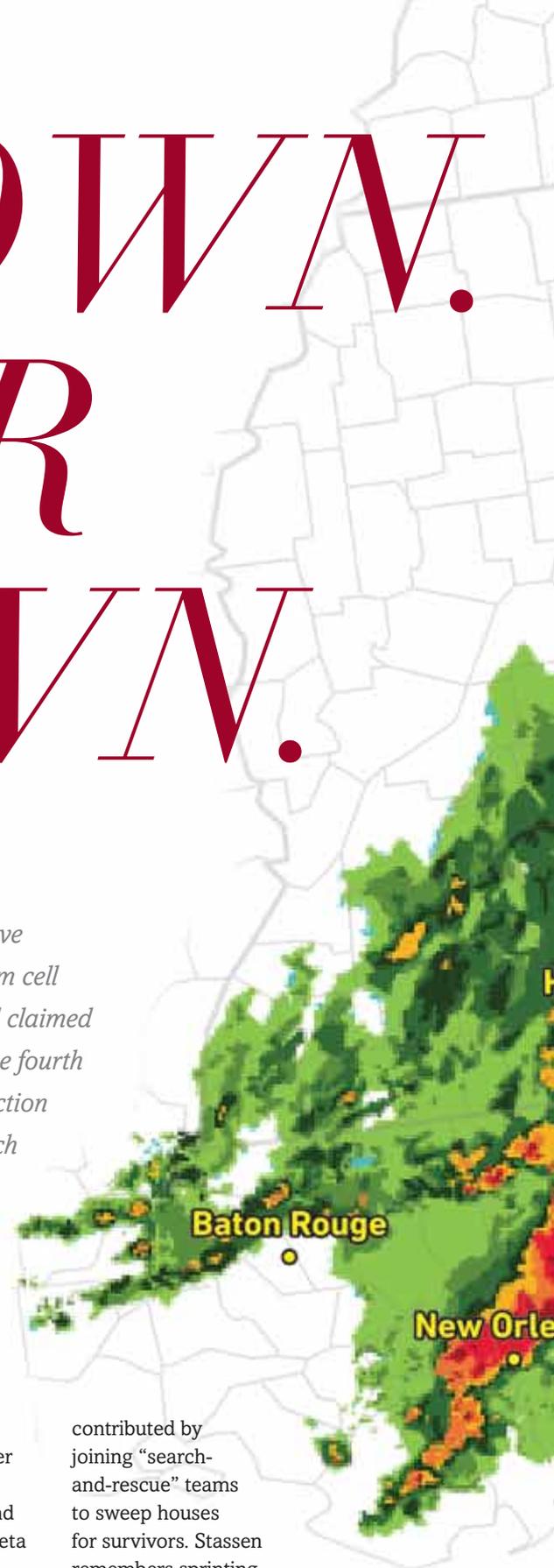
The three day span of April 25th-April 28th, 2011 produced a massive tornado outbreak that spanned much of the United States. This storm cell produced at least three hundred thirty-six confirmed tornadoes, and claimed the lives of an estimated three hundred forty-six people, making it the fourth largest outbreak in United States history. The majority of the destruction fell within the twenty-four hour time frame of April 27th-28th in which an EF4 tornado (see page 34 for scale), winds reaching one hundred ninety miles per hour, decimated the college town of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Entire residential communities were flattened, local businesses were destroyed, and worst of all dozens of lives were lost.

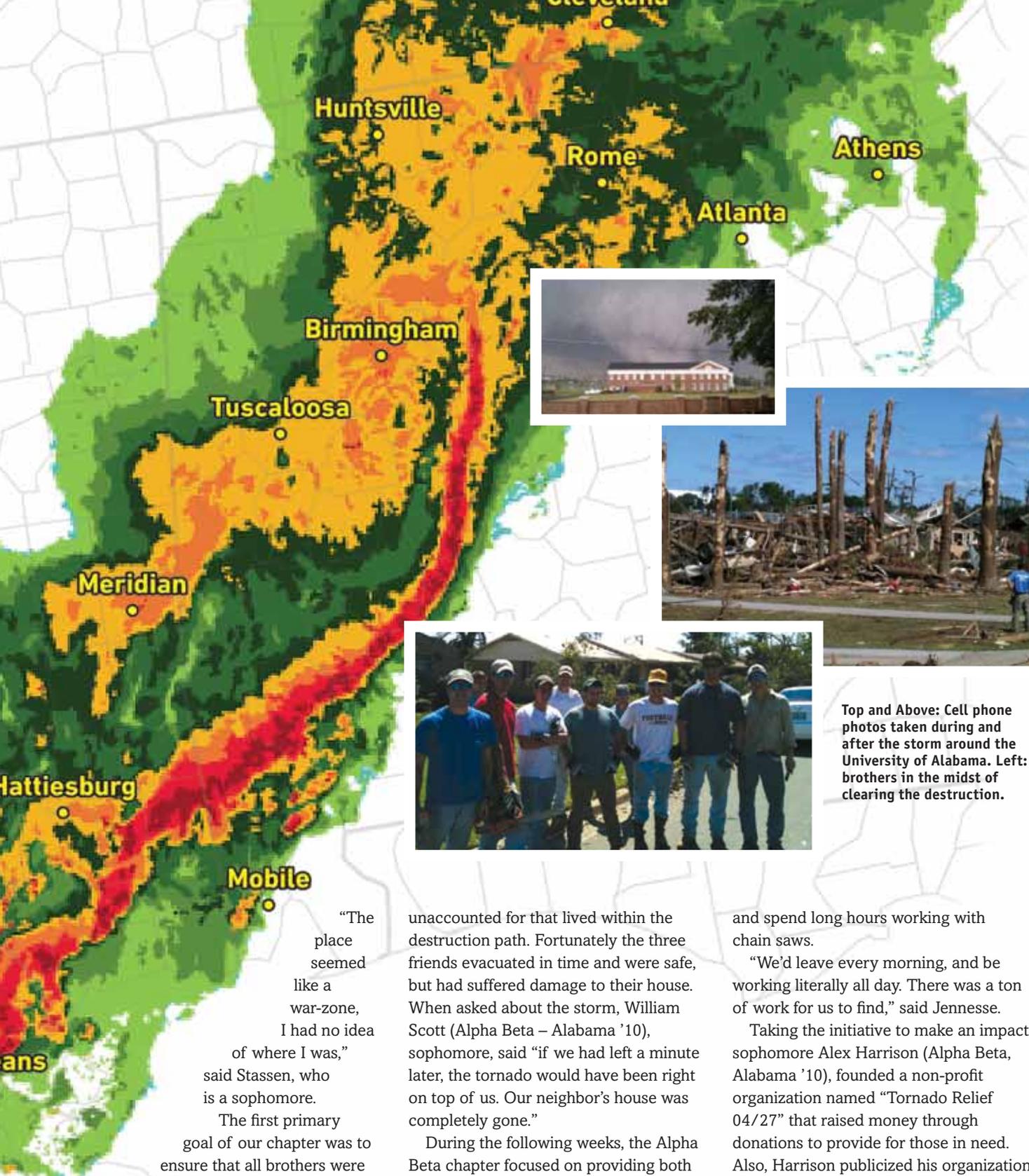
TUSCALOOSA LAY NOT ONLY TATTERED physically, but also emotionally. Shock is the emotion I felt, while walking down 15th Street, after watching from my dormitory, located less than a mile away. I found myself lost in the city where I grew up. Common intersections were unrecognizable, because popular landmarks were destroyed or simply missing leaving only the foundation.

In the short moments following the tornado, an eerie silence loomed over awestruck residents. Quickly, the need for action became apparent, and members of the Order from Alpha Beta Chapter answered the call for help.

Immediate aide to victims came from brothers acting individually or in small groups. For instance, John Stassen (Alpha Beta – Alabama '10) and myself

contributed by joining “search-and-rescue” teams to sweep houses for survivors. Stassen remembers sprinting, while dodging live power lines and spewing gas leaks, to signal an ambulance for a seriously wounded lady in need of emergency care.





Top and Above: Cell phone photos taken during and after the storm around the University of Alabama. Left: brothers in the midst of clearing the destruction.

“The place seemed like a war-zone, I had no idea of where I was,” said Stassen, who is a sophomore. The first primary goal of our chapter was to ensure that all brothers were safe and accounted for. Since all landline service and cellular service was inoperable, we were essentially clueless of the safety of members. We could only rely on brothers arriving at the Kappa Alpha house, or news by word of mouth. I vividly recall the gut-wrenching feeling of having three pledge brothers

unaccounted for that lived within the destruction path. Fortunately the three friends evacuated in time and were safe, but had suffered damage to their house. When asked about the storm, William Scott (Alpha Beta – Alabama ’10), sophomore, said “if we had left a minute later, the tornado would have been right on top of us. Our neighbor’s house was completely gone.” During the following weeks, the Alpha Beta chapter focused on providing both direct and indirect relief to victims throughout the entire community. Mike Jenness (Alpha Beta – Alabama ’08), current KA House Manager, organized labor groups to help clear the debris from affected areas. Every morning at 7am, a group of brothers would meet at the fraternity house, distribute equipment,

and spend long hours working with chain saws. “We’d leave every morning, and be working literally all day. There was a ton of work for us to find,” said Jenness. Taking the initiative to make an impact, sophomore Alex Harrison (Alpha Beta, Alabama ’10), founded a non-profit organization named “Tornado Relief 04/27” that raised money through donations to provide for those in need. Also, Harrison publicized his organization by customizing, and distributing wristbands that were given when a simple donation of five dollars was made to the organization. The most publicized relief operation by University of Alabama students was “UA Greek Relief”. This program operated to provide the tornado victims that were left

FUJITA-PEARSON TORNADO SCALE

F0	Intensity Phrase: Gale tornado	Wind Speed: 40-72 mph
	Damage: Some damage to chimneys; breaks branches off trees; pushes over shallow-rooted trees; damages sign boards.	
F1	Intensity Phrase: Moderate tornado	Wind Speed: 73-112 mph
	Damage: The lower limit is the beginning of hurricane wind speed; peels surface off roofs; mobile homes pushed off foundations or overturned; moving autos pushed off the roads; attached garages may be destroyed.	
F2	Intensity Phrase: Significant tornado	Wind Speed: 113-157 mph
	Damage: Considerable damage. Roofs torn off frame houses; mobile homes demolished; boxcars pushed over; large trees snapped or uprooted; light object missiles generated.	
F3	Intensity Phrase: Severe tornado	Wind Speed: 158-206 mph
	Damage: Roof and some walls torn off well constructed houses; trains overturned; most trees in forest uprooted.	
F4	Intensity Phrase: Devastating tornado	Wind Speed: 207-260 mph
	Damage: Well-constructed houses leveled; structures with weak foundations blown off some distance; cars thrown and large missiles generated.	
F5	Intensity Phrase: Incredible tornado	Wind Speed: 261-318 mph
	Damage: Strong frame houses lifted off foundations and carried considerable distances to disintegrate; automobile sized missiles fly through the air in excess of 100 meters; trees debarked; steel re-inforced concrete structures badly damaged.	
F6	Intensity Phrase: Inconceivable tornado	Wind Speed: 319-379 mph
	Damage: These winds are very unlikely. The small area of damage they might produce would probably not be recognizable along with the mess produced by F4 and F5 wind that would surround the F6 winds. Missiles, such as cars and refrigerators would do serious secondary damage that could not be directly identified as F6 damage. If this level is ever achieved, evidence for it might only be found in some manner of ground swirl pattern, for it may never be identifiable through engineering studies.	

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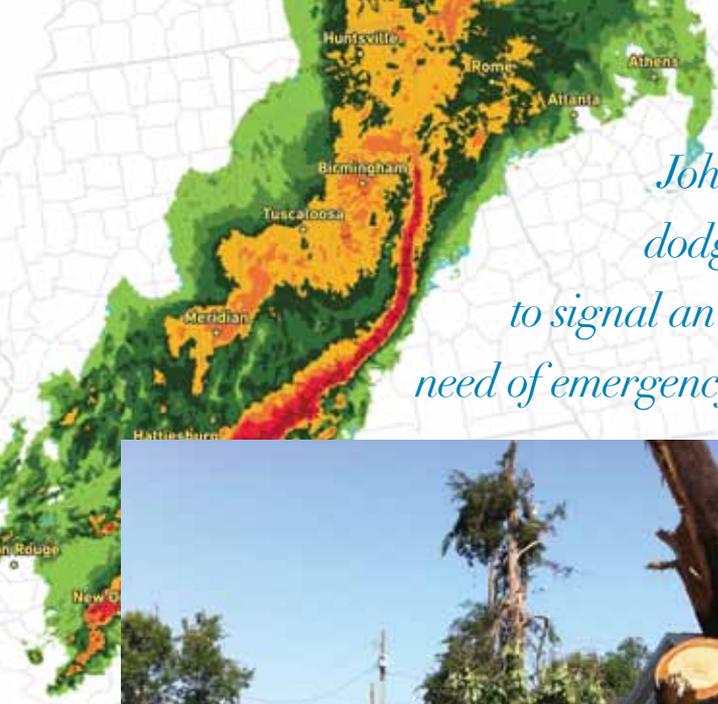


homeless or without a means of income with hot meals. It was estimated after a week of cooking, packing, and delivering meals, UA Greek Relief provided one quarter of all meals being distributed around the Tuscaloosa community. William Harvey (Alpha Beta – Alabama '08), Alpha Beta Number I, donated all of the food in the fraternity house to help fuel their efforts. Also, Harvey regularly helped pack lunches to be delivered, and move supplies.

Gene Gray, parent of Stewart Gray an active until he graduated in 2011, wrote in to the National Administrative Office to share his thoughts from the KA response: “your organization should take notice of the extreme volunteer effort and action of your brothers at the University of

Alabama in response to the immense damage and loss of life as a result of the tornadoes. This group of young men has cooperated with government officials to affect coordinated cleanup and disburse water, food and clothing. They have also worked overtime on their own to seek out and assist individuals in need. They came armed with tractors, chain saws, their strong backs and a great sense of community. Your members came together of their own volition. They have shown who they are; their sense of community, honor and family for which they stand. These young men will not seek you out to brag.” Indeed, they did not.

The most direct influence our chapter had on any individual was towards Mr. Larry O’Neal, our well-loved chapter



John Stassen (Alpha Beta – Alabama '10) was dodging live power lines and spewing gas leaks, to signal an ambulance for a seriously wounded lady in need of emergency care. “The place seemed like a war-zone.”



and house employee. Mr. Larry lost virtually everything in the storm. After the tornado passed, his description of his neighborhood was simply put: “Everything was gone.” The chapter had the privilege of providing financial and emotional support for Mr. Larry and his family during their time of great need. Countless items of need were brought in, ranging from prepaid cell phone cards, boxes of clothes, and even toys for his son.

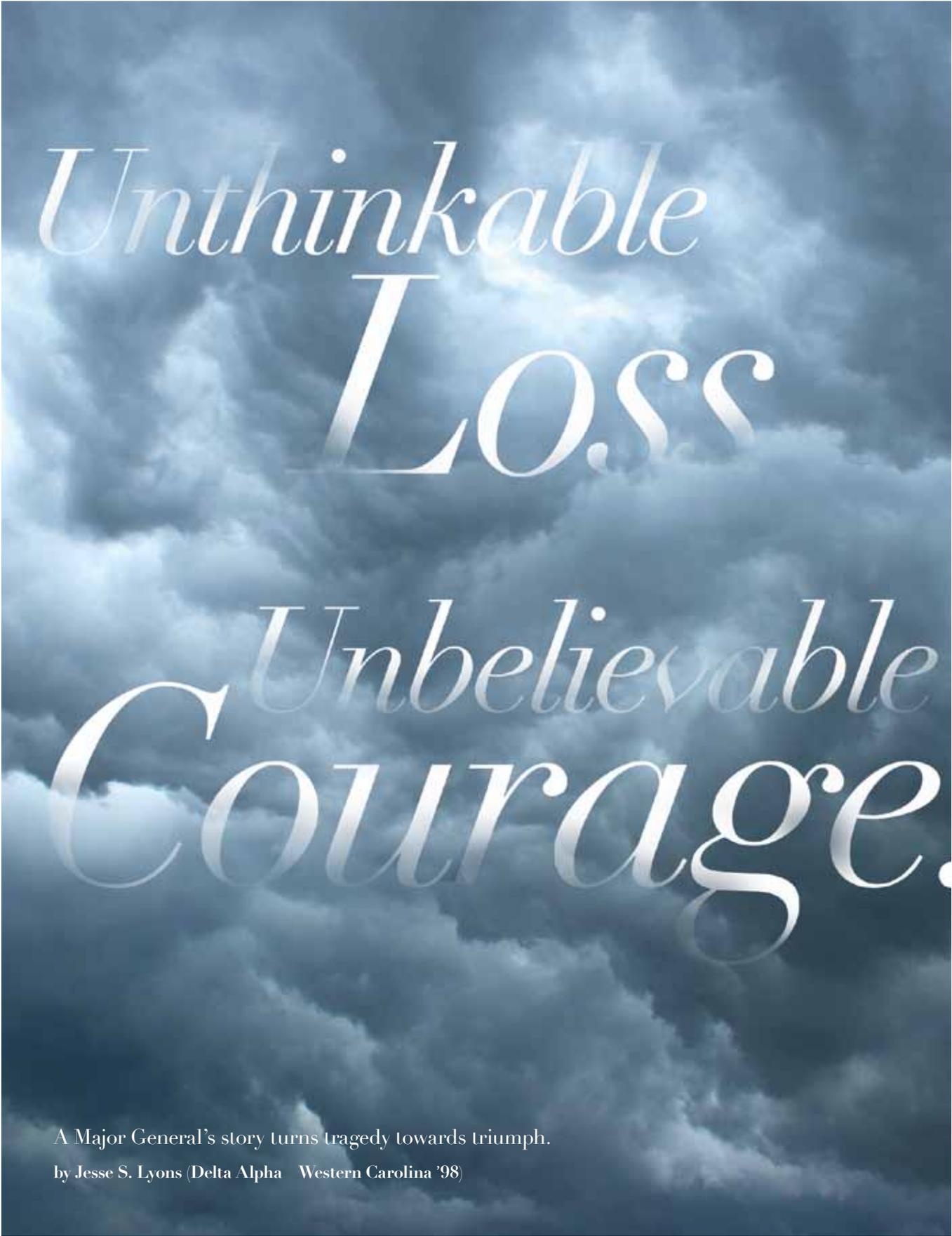
At his son’s urging, Keith Harvey (Alpha Beta – Alabama ’77) sent a letter to all alumni to help Mr. Larry. Keith’s son is the current Number I, William. In it he wrote, in part, “Larry is there every day cooking, cleaning and looking after our young men. Now Larry needs our

help. Larry rode out the weather in a storm shelter. When he returned to the trailer park where he lives, his eighty-foot long mobile home was gone. When we last checked none of his belongings had been recovered. William also informed me that Larry had worked tirelessly over the last year to save enough money to buy a used truck. The truck was also destroyed by the storm. Finally, Larry’s young son, Robert, is paralyzed and has been confined to a wheelchair for quite some time. As you can see, Larry needs our help.”

On top of the assistance from the chapter, the alumni were able to raise \$10,710.00 in donations for Larry O’Neal and his family. If asked how his family is doing, Larry will first respond with

more ways of saying “thank you” than imaginable, and in all likelihood, give you a big hug.

In the Kappa Alpha Order, Alpha Beta Chapter House, we have a black and white emblazoned cross, upon our chapter room floor. It represents faith and strife in overcoming adversity, now more so than ever. As a chapter, we now fully embody the resiliency of this cross. Through this time of hardship, not only were we able to assist fellow brothers and loved ones, but also we were privileged enough to provide effective aide within the community of Tuscaloosa. The blessings received and lessons learned from these “time of trials” will never be forgotten and will always be cherished. 🇺🇸



*Unthinkable
Loss*

*Unbelievable
Courage.*

A Major General's story turns tragedy towards triumph.

by Jesse S. Lyons (Delta Alpha Western Carolina '98)



Taken at Christmas, 2002. All three Graham children were visiting their parents in Korea. Here is Kevin, Mark, and Jeffrey together. Photo courtesy of Graham family.

In this life we experience personal loss. Sometimes expected, sometimes tragically unexpected, our friends, family and loved ones leave us. They leave us here seemingly all alone. At some point, we will make our way home as well. It is an absolute, known, concrete truth—it's going to happen. ¶ We are never prepared for the emotional toll. It takes sorrow and coping. It requires grief and anger. Personal loss winds us through an exercise with no practice; it leaves us without a roadmap for acceptance. We can only cling to what is left: faith, family, and friends. And try to make it through. Get up, remember, and move on. ¶ Right? ¶ But what if it happens again, just a mere few months later?



MAJOR GENERAL MARK GRAHAM (DELTA NU – MURRAY

State '73) (at left with his wife Carol) became the Deputy Chief of Staff, US Army Forces Command, on Sept. 18, 2009. In this position he oversees the plans, operations, and training for Army forces stationed in the Continental United States and ensures conventional forces are prepared for worldwide deployment.

Graham was commissioned a second lieutenant of field artillery in December 1977 at Murray State University, in Kentucky. In a 34 year career he has served in several key command and staff positions in the United States, Germany and Korea. In addition to his Bachelor's degree in political science, Major General Graham holds a MBA from Oklahoma City

University and a Master's in National Security and Strategic Studies from the National Defense University. He is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College and National War College. In addition, he has received numerous military awards, including the Distinguished Service

Top left: The Grahams keep memories of their sons alive on a desk at home that contains mementos of the boys. Notice the Freeman series on Lee in the upper left hand corner. *Photo courtesy of Matt Slaby.*

Top right: Kevin, just after receiving his Airborne wings in summer, 2002. As Carol has put it, "you never would have known which one suffered from depression." *Photo courtesy of Graham family.*

Above: After Kevin's death, Jeffrey had the opportunity to stay stateside. He accepted a deployment instead. Here he is in February, 2004. *Photo courtesy of Graham family.*

Bottom left: The Grahams continue speak across the nation, telling their story, teaching others the importance of how to fight the stigmas of depression & depression itself. *Photo courtesy of Graham family.*

Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal. Mark and his wife Carol had two sons, Kevin and Jeff, along with a daughter Melanie.

The family experienced not one, but two worst nightmares of parents and siblings. On June 21, 2003, their bright, always-there-for-you son, Kevin, died by suicide in the apartment shared by the three siblings. He was a University of Kentucky Senior Army ROTC scholarship cadet.

Even after this tragedy, the Graham's other son, Jeffrey, said he needed to be with his soldiers and the men needed him. "The only thing worse than being at war is being a Soldier and not being at war," said 2LT Jeffrey Graham, one month before he went to Iraq. He turned down an offer from the Army to remain stateside, deploying on November, 15 2003, Kevin's birthday.

Suicide is the second highest cause of deaths among 18-24 year olds. It is second only to car accidents.

2LT Jeffrey C. Graham, was killed by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) on February 19, 2004, while leading a foot patrol in Khaldiya, Iraq. Reports show he stopped his platoon short of a bridge when he noticed something out of the ordinary on guard rail. As he was warning his platoon and calling in the report, the IED was detonated remotely killing Jeff and three others.

"Our sons died fighting different battles," says Major General Graham.

How does one family cope with such a terrible series of loss?

"Our family has been amazing and so has the Army," said Graham. "When we lost Kevin and Jeff, KAs where there each time. At the funerals, brothers showed up I haven't seen in years."

Most importantly it seems, was the their faith. "Our faith was shaken hard. It still is. But it is the strongest."

"I know there is a plan," says Graham. Then admittedly, "I don't like the plan, I would give up everything to have the boys back. But there is plan and its what we have."

Graham says also, "you're never going through the worst in your life. You have an opportunity to talk to other folks and find out they're going through tragedy. You share and they open up and you find they are hurting just as bad, or worse."

Graham's military career and current commitments are enough to keep his family busy. But now, he and his wife along with their daughter, are committed to educating and empowering others to deal with depression. Kevin's and their story explains their actions.

Prior to his death, Kevin had gone through a routine screening and was prescribed anti-depressants. He had called his parents, who were stationed in South Korea at the time, and asked if they knew depression was a real illness, not just a feeling. The Grahams, like many of us, didn't.

Warning Signs of Suicide

Suicide can be prevented. While some suicides occur without any outward warning, most people who are suicidal do give warnings. Prevent the suicide of loved ones by learning to recognize the signs of someone at risk, taking those signs seriously and knowing how to respond to them.

Observable signs of serious depression and suicide:

- Unrelenting low mood
- Pessimism
- Hopelessness
- Desperation
- Anxiety, psychic pain & inner tension
- Withdrawal
- Sleep problems
- Increased alcohol and/or other drug use
- Recent impulsiveness and taking unnecessary risks
- Threatening suicide or expressing a strong wish to die

Making a plan:

- Giving away prized possessions
- Sudden or impulsive purchase of a firearm
- Obtaining other means of killing oneself such as poisons or medications
- Unexpected rage or anger

The emotional crises that usually precede suicide are often recognizable and treatable. Although most depressed people are not suicidal, most suicidal people are depressed. Serious depression can be manifested in obvious sadness, but often it is rather expressed as a loss of pleasure or withdrawal from activities that had been enjoyable. One can help prevent suicide through early recognition and treatment of depression and other psychiatric illnesses.

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The danger or the warning signs weren't noticed. Kevin had stopped taking his depression medicine in the time leading up to his death. He was studying to become an Army doctor, a step in his grandfather's shoes. He had already completed Airborne school and had been selected to go to Germany. Kevin did not want the Army knowing he was taking anti-depressants.

Fighting depression and the stigma surrounding it, and recognizing warning signs, are the Graham's chief messages today. "If your son or daughter came home from college and said their lungs or heart hurt, you'd get them the best care

Right: LTG David Valcourt had the horrible job of notifying Graham of his son's death in Iraq. When MG Graham was promoted to a two-star general, Valcourt had his two stars engraved with the names of his sons. "Your boys will always be with you," Valcourt says. Photo courtesy of Matt Slaby.



possible." That's exactly what you should do if they have the warning signs for depression they say.

The Grahams have or have helped set up a number of funds, programs, assistance lines, and other programs and multiple campuses, military installations and in areas where they have been stationed. Many of these are in Jeffrey and Kevin's names.

After their first major speaking engagement with TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) at the 2007 National Military Survivor Seminar, they began to speak more openly in military and civilian circles, about suicide prevention. It is an organization Graham says is one of the best in the country.

Since then, both Grahams have spoken all over the country. Their efforts have been recognized by many and they are further involved in many official efforts and organizations designed to bring awareness to the dangers of depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries and other mental health issues.

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'Oh man your son has depression.'
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whether subconsciously or not."*

When asked about his KA feelings and connections today, MG Graham says he cares deeply for his brothers. KA brothers are interwoven in his life from early years on. "Mark Lobstein (Delta Nu – Murray State '73) and I grew up and went to college and joined Kappa Alpha together." Today they remain very close and in contact often.

"My pledge brother Jeff Hohman (Delta Nu – Murray State '73) introduced me to my wife while in college. He married my wife's sister. My son, Jeffrey, was named after him." Another is John Klemincic (Delta Nu – Murray State '74). Together first they met in ROTC then they lived nearby again when both were stationed in Colorado Springs."

Graham ran into other KAs along the way. Jeff Scott (Beta Sigma – Southern California '87) was an officer of his at one point. A few years later Graham was sent to command a

National Guard Unit, which is not typical, and there was Jeff again his command.

"Buel Stalls (Delta Nu – Murray State '69) will just call out of the blue to ask how we are doing and see if he can do anything." Buel is a longtime supporter of the Order and Kappa Alpha in Murray, Kentucky.

In 2008, MG Graham was to receive the Murray State Distinguished Alumnus Award. The night before several KAs took he and Carole to dinner. "I remember them in college having fun and partying," she says. They presented Carol and their fellow KA Mark with a stained glass window with the quote, 'Life is a series of dots ... we must all stay connected.' "To see them now grown, emotional, and supporting us in such a way all these years later, really shows what KA means to them and us," Carol explained.

When asked what he'd like for everyone to remember after this *Journal* article, the Major General has a few thoughts. First, comes from a banner that was flown at Jeffrey's funeral, reading: "Land of the Free, Because of the Brave."

Second, is that to be a hero, sometimes means speaking up when you think something might be wrong with a son or a fraternity brother, or a friend. He wants everyone to remember that you should not be afraid to address an issue like depression. "As a parent, I didn't want my child to be depressed. I didn't want people to say, 'Oh man your son has depression.' The stigma was part of me too, whether subconsciously or not."

Let us all turn our eyes to that light. We can honor Mark's wishes, our KA brother, the Major General. Both by remember both sons who lost different battles, and all those still engaged in those two battles—whether we know it yet or not. ■■■

*For more information on topics in this article please visit:
www.grahammemorial.com, www.taps.org, and www.afsp.org*



Top: (left to right) Blair Bailey, Gary Hunter, David Seider, Briant Shumard, Jim White, Kyle Cansler, Amaya Cansler, John Nix, and Donny Thompson Above: Karen and Katherine Pearson

Gator Brothers Remembered

Beta Zeta holds successful BBQ fundraiser

On September 10, dozens of Kappa Alpha Order alumni from the University of Florida gathered with an important purpose: to honor the memory of two brothers taken by cancer in recent years. Norm Pearson (Beta Zeta – Florida '84) was the Order's Alumnus Advisor of the Year in 2007 and served the chapter as such during their reactivation from suspension. Bret Cansler (Beta Zeta – Florida '85) was also a loyal alumnus and loved by all. BBQ was served, family pictures were taken in the memorial garden dedicated to Pearson, and brothers young and old caught and introduced family to each other.

Wives Amaya Cansler and Karen Pearson, along with their children, were in attendance and agreed that the donations should go to assist the chapter with their purchase of new furniture. Enough money was pledged to continue further renovations into the dining room. Both Bret's father Rueben, with wife Pepe, and Norman's father Carroll were present for event. Norm's sister and family came all the way from Knoxville. The families expressed their gratitude and undoubtedly felt the love and camaraderie the brothers felt for their family. 🇺🇸

Gary Hunter (Beta Zeta – Florida '04) primarily organized the event and wants to hear from you. Contact Brother Hunter by email at hunterj@hillsboroughcounty.org.



Carolina Beach Music: The Classic Years

by Rick Simmons (Delta Omicron – Clemson '77)

In the introduction to his fourth book, *Carolina Beach Music: The Classic Years*, Rick Simmons traces his love affair with Carolina beach music back to “when I entered Clemson University in the fall of 1976 and joined the Kappa Alpha Order.” From

there he tells the story behind 100 of the greatest beach music hits, often through personal interviews with artists such as Freda Payne, Sonny Turner of the Platters, Norm Burnett of the Tymes, G.C. Cameron of the Spinners, Bruce Channel, Clem Curtis of the Foundations, Bob Kuban of Bob Kuban and the In-Men, Meadowlark Lemon of the Globetrotters, Gene McDaniels, John McElrath of the Swingin’ Medallions, Brenton Wood, and many others.

The book is available online at Amazon and in the southeast at all major booksellers including Books-a-Million, Barnes and Nobles, and others.

Appalachian State Delta Psi

Matt Cote '01, is Director of Marketing and Operations for the Master's Men ministry, a Christian ministry to men headquartered in Dallas, Texas. Find more information at www.mastersmen.com.

Justin Plummer '03, recently graduated from the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia with his Juris Doctorate, and took and passed the North Carolina Bar Examination. He plans to practice law in and around the Charlotte-Metro area.

Mark E. Sorrells '81, is Managing Director for InventMd.Com, Ltd., a company that assists medical professionals in bringing new product ideas to the marketplace.

Charles David Still '98, is a meteorologist for television stations WPTY and WLMT in Memphis, Tennessee.

Arkansas Tech Epsilon Zeta

David Lee Humphreys '83, is the head football coach and athletic director at Trion High School in Trion, Georgia.

Auburn Nu

Christian W. Johnston '01 recently graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center after 23 weeks of training and won the Academic Achievement award after graduating at the top of his class in academics. Johnston is now a special agent with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and has been assigned to the Phoenix, Arizona office.

Birmingham-Southern Phi

Bryant Kendall Allen '04, is in his fourth year of medical school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham pursuing a career in Emergency Medicine.

Bowling Green State Zeta Lambda

Andy Alt '98, living in Bowling Green, Kentucky, recently became proud father to a third son, Luke Andrew.

SPC Michael Ward Knilans '03, is currently deployed to central Iraq with 1/325 AIR, 82nd Airborne Div, US Army. When in the states, SPC Knilans was stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Jordan Howard Ohler '00, is Executive Director of King Strategic Communications, a national political consulting firm for Republican campaigns.

The Citadel Theta Commission

Robert Hucks Nuttall '11, resides in North Carolina and is retired from 40 years of commercial real estate management and sales.

Drury Beta Iota

Brendan James Lambert '05, has begun law school at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Eastern Kentucky Delta Mu

Robert David Van Arsdall '68, retired from Johnson & Johnson after 33 years and lives in Georgetown, Kentucky.

Florida Beta Zeta

Andrew Stanley Britton '84, now lives in Montgomery, Alabama, and is an Account Executive with the Coca-Cola Company.

**Florida Southern
Gamma Pi**

Ryan David Young '99, was recently promoted to Associate Director of Residential Life for Training & Development at Pace University's Pleasantville, New York campus.

**Florida State
Gamma Eta**

Paul Martin Kreager '54, is retired from IBM and from the University of Georgia faculty and is living at Lake Lanier, Georgia. Kreager is founder and owner of "The Heart of Town," Inc., a downtown revitalization consulting company in Gainesville, Georgia.

**Indiana State
Zeta Iota**

Jerad D. Myers '96, was recently released from active duty in the US Army, and is now working for CACI Athena in Washington, D.C.

Michael Vesci '96, recently moved to Roanoke, Virginia with his wife and young son and is a District Loss Prevention Manager with T.J. Maxx. Vesci would like to connect with other KA brothers in the area, and can be contacted at Mike_Vesci@tjx.com.

**Georgia Tech
Alpha Sigma**

Ben Frank Brian '52, is retired from DuPont and has been married to Betty Lee since 1953. With three children and seven grandchildren, he resides in Savannah, Georgia.

**Lambuth
Gamma Omicron**

Steve French '85, is the President and Owner of The French Group, LLC, an IT solutions consulting firm in Brentwood, Tennessee.

**Louisiana-Lafayette
Gamma Phi**

Andrew Chandler Dodenhoff '69, is a Realtor® with Latter & Blum in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Louisiana State
Alpha Gamma**

John Michael Evans '04, has begun residency training in general surgery at University of Alabama in Birmingham.

**Louisiana Tech
Gamma Alpha**

Dr. James D. Sandefur '06 recently was awarded the American Optometric Association's Distinguished Service Award for service to his patients, community and profession with distinction throughout the whole of his career. He has earned the distinction of Louisiana's "father of optometry" and the Optometry Association of Louisiana has named its own Distinguished Service Award after Dr. Sandefur.

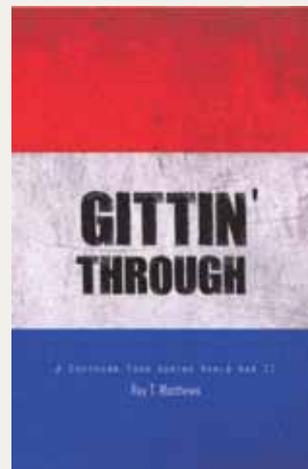
Erik T. Showalter '05 is a current director of development for the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation and recently passed his Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) Examination after months of studying.

**McNeese State
Delta Xi**

Joshua Kade Schexnyder '01, recently married Allyson Duplechin, a Phi Mu at McNeese and Northwestern State University. A former Number I, Schexnyder is a Regional Manager for Offshore Cleaning Systems, a provider of alternative cleaning solutions to the oil and gas industry.

**Miami (OH)
Epsilon Lambda**

Bryan W. Sykes, Esq. '84, and his wife were blessed in



Gittin' Through

by Roy T. Matthews (Alpha – Washington & Lee '54)

A retired professor of history, Matthews has combined his professional training and memories in this work of historical fiction. The book sets this turning point in American history in a small southern town where traditions, class and race defined its citizens and the roles they played. It shows how the three generations

coped with the conflict while they made a living, reared their families, took care of the elderly, fell in love, lost loved ones, struggled to hold a marriage together, and chose right and wrong ways to profit from the war. Like all generations, they carried the burdens of the past into their own times in order to prepare for the future.

Available at www.traffordpublishing.com, www.amazon.com, and www.barnesandnoble.com.

January with their second daughter Morgan Brianna and in July, he opened his law practice in Tampa, FL. He's had several recent KA connections in Tampa – one is a fellow Miami University graduate Jay Kennedy, one is his next door neighbor from the University of Colorado (Zeta Alpha) and the third is a neighbor who from West Virginia University (Alpha Rho).

**Mississippi State
Beta Tau**

Hunter Lipscomb has been promoted as US Rep. Steve Palazzo's (MS) deputy chief of staff over his district offices in-state. Lipscomb, a former E. Fleming Mason Memorial Intern, first worked as Palazzo's campaign manager. He is a native of Greenville, Miss. and a former Bush Administration appointee to the Department of Energy.

**Missouri Southern State
Delta Pi**

Clinton Jade Johnson '00, is a User Interface Designer for Novacoast, Inc. in Pittsburg, Kansas.

**Missouri S&T
Beta Alpha**

Mark A. Winnett '76, having worked in engineering and computers, is developing a new company involved in land management for natural gas exploration from his home in central Ohio.

**Newberry
Delta Epsilon**

William E. Hurtes '11 was recently initiated after a 45 year wait. He pledged at Newberry in 1966 but before initiation, he transferred to the Baptist College of Charleston that had no fraternity system. He and friends met with Province Commander E. Fleming Mason at the time but a new chapter was not created.



Miami (OH) alumni gather for their recent 30th reunion.



Northwestern State alumni from the early to late 60's recently gathered in Natchitoches, La. The group plans to meet again at the chapter's 50th anniversary in 2013.



10th Anniversary Gamma Alpha – Louisiana Tech, Alumni Golf Tournament

The alumni of Gamma Alpha – Louisiana Tech, have announced that their 10th anniversary Golf Tournament will take place March 23-25, 2012 at Tamakha Trails Golf Resort in Marksville, La. There they will also host the alumni annual meeting on the Saturday morning of the tournament event (March 24, 2012). Information will be posted at www.latechka.org. Contact Brad Bourg at bradboug1@yahoo.com for more information.

As the *Kappa Alpha Laws* allow, through help from John Temple Graves Court of Honor Registrar Wade Davis, Former Knight Commander Ben W. Satcher, Jr., other requirements and a vote from the current membership of the Delta Epsilon chapter, Bill Hurtes was finally approved for initiation. The Theta Commission in Charleston then invited Mr. Hurtes to be initiated along with their May ceremonies. After a long wait, Hurtes is now a Kappa Alpha.

North Texas Gamma Lambda

Jamie Wayne Fuselier '94, is the Credit Risk Manager for Energy Transfer Partners in Houston, Texas.

Oklahoma City Gamma Kappa

Matthew Curt Conne '03, is living in Duncan, Oklahoma, and is planning to resume his studies through the University of Phoenix with an emphasis on database management. He would like to be in contact with other Gamma Kappa brothers and can be reached at myfuture84@gmail.com.

Oklahoma State Beta Xi

Robert Andrew Stokes '98, was recently named Director of GIS for Topographic, Inc. based out of Fort Worth, Texas.

Presbyterian College Beta Pi

Jordan Archer '10 has, for the fifth year, operated a week-long soccer camp for Vietnamese refugees, a project he began while still in high school. Montagnard Soccer Camp, named for the "people from the mountains" of Vietnam's Central Highlands area, provides camaraderie and assimilation

to refugees of all ages who moved to America. The camp is operated through the support of local donors in Clinton, South Carolina. Archer is a defender for the Blue Hose soccer team at Presbyterian College.

William Alvin Roof '77, is Founder and Executive Director of Revive the USA, a Christian ministry working to return America to its Biblical foundation.

Roanoke Beta Rho

William Everett Perkins '04, is a Financial Advisor for Wells Fargo Advisors in Blacksburg, Virginia.

South Carolina Rho

Thomas Crawford graduated in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in finance. Recently he was appointed to the Young Alumni Council (YAC) of the University of South Carolina. The YAC is a 16-member board comprised of USC graduates under the age of 35. During his time at USC, Crawford was in the Carolina Finance Club, Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity and Kappa Alpha Order. Crawford said that plans for a fall sports preview party where the coaches speak on behalf of their teams, which the council organizes annually, are in the works.

Stephen F. Austin State Delta Kappa

Raymond Gordon Watkins '73, is a retired Novartis Pharmaceutical Senior Oncology Sales Specialist, and is currently the Director of the Pharmacy Tech Program at National American University in the Kansas City, Missouri/Kansas area.

**Texas Wesleyan
Zeta Xi**

Jimmy Bridges '04, has opened a State Farm Agency office in Argyle, Texas.

**Tulsa
Mu**

R.J. Lasek recently received the Tulsa University Collins College of Business 2011 Fast Track Alumnus award. Lasek, a senior product manager from Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, has received four promotions in nearly eight years. He has helped build new organizational teams, developed extensive commercial operating and business development plans for executive management and driven millions of dollars in expense reductions. Takeda is a global company with its North American operations based in Deerfield, Ill.

**Texas
Omicron**

Andrew Cord '03, is residing in Austin, Texas, where he is planning to pursue his MBA at St. Edward's University.

**Texas A&M-Commerce
Gamma Upsilon**

John Fredrick Ory '90, is a Senior Vice-President of Operations at Triumph SSB in Dallas, Texas, and is the proud father of two young children.

**Texas-Arlington
Delta Iota**

Randy Dean Widaman '68, is a retired USCG Merchant Marine Captain, now working for Cyberonics, Inc. in Houston, Texas. Widaman is married with a daughter.

**Virginia Military Institute
Beta Commission**

Daniel Joseph Plitnik '07, is on active duty with the United States Navy, stationed at Walter Reed Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

William Crawford Collier '06, is proudly serving with the U.S. Army, recently sent from Williamsburg, Virginia to El Paso, Texas, where he is working in transportation-related areas for the 1st Armored Division.

Christopher Michael Perrotto Leach '10, resides in Buena Vista, Virginia, and works in the indoor climate industry for Munters, a global leader in energy efficient air treatment solutions. He also helps coach Rockbridge County High School football and is a landlord.

Andrew Miller '10, recently moved to the Washington, D.C. area to work as a flight engineer for a government contractor.

**Virginia Wesleyan
Epsilon Omicron**

Christopher Channing Davidson '87, has been employed by Verizon Communications for 18 years and resides in Chesapeake, Virginia.

**Western Kentucky
Epsilon Theta**

Matt Bonner '96 and his wife, Khakki welcomed their first child into the world on August 25, 2011. Nathaniel Brackston was born happy and healthy and parents are doing well. Young Nathaniel is eager to fulfill his KA legacy, sporting a special pledge pin (below)



Aviation's Kaps honored for dedication to students

In his more than 40 years in the aviation industry, Robert W. Kaps (Beta Theta – Washington Univ. '64) has done a bit of everything, from being involved with airline labor negotiations to working with famous celebrities including Peter Sellers, Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Frank Sinatra and other members of famed "Rat Pack" during their travels.

Now, as a professor in Southern Illinois University Carbondale's nationally recognized aviation management and flight program, it's Kaps' impact on students that draws attention and appreciation. Kaps is the 2011 recipient of the E.J. and Mary C. Simon Distinguished Faculty Award in SIUC's College of Applied Sciences (CASA). A former executive with Trans World Airlines and later Ozark Airlines, Kaps began his SIUC career in 1981.

Kaps and his wife, Donna, live in St. Louis, and have three grown daughters.

Kaps said he's honored to receive the award, and said his goal is to keep students inspired. Known for his spontaneity, Kaps dislikes lectures and favors open discussions with students. He will climb atop a desk or break into an old soft shoe routine in an effort to help students better understand the critical issues that involve airline management. It's important to bring real-world experiences into the classroom, and "sometimes you have to do different things to get them to understand it," he said. "In my teaching I do anything I can to get them to the point where they are wanting to learn," he said.

Dr. Kaps was instrumental in the early founding of what is now the Zeta Sigma Chapter at SIU-Carbondale.

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Founder of Transportation Authority Retires

Howard Chapman (Beta Comm-VMI '68) leaves a legacy of public service

On Friday, July 29, Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) founding Executive Director Howard Chapman retired. In 1999, Chapman became the Executive Director of CARTA after serving as the Interim Executive Director for the agency since its 1997 inception. Chapman has had a long career in the transportation industry and was an integral part of the transition of Charleston's Transit System from S.C.E. & G. Throughout his 14 years

with CARTA, he led the authority to continually grow and expand into the public transportation service it is today. Prior to helping with the CARTA start-up, he served as Director of Traffic & Transportation with the City of Charleston and County of Charleston.

During his time with CARTA, record ridership was achieved despite tough economic years and budget cuts. In 2008, ridership surpassed 4 million, setting a new ridership record for the transportation system. In 2011, CARTA



was also named the most efficient public transportation in the state, according to The Brookings Institute.

Chapman received his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from The Virginia Military Institute and his Master's Degree from the University of South Carolina. He is also a member of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Fraternity, and is a registered professional engineer in both South Carolina and Florida. He is a Lieutenant in the US Air Force Reserves/Retired.

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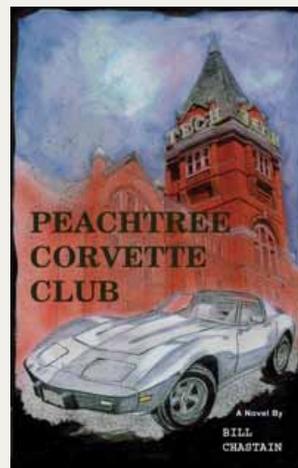
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Peachtree Corvette Club

by Bill Chastain (Alpha Sigma – Georgia Tech '76)

Peachtree Corvette Club rekindles memories from a "Pink Floyd" era of college. The book is set in 1977 at Georgia Tech, and Truman Forbes serves as the book's introspective, yet somewhat confused, protagonist. At the outset of the story he vows to make changes at the beginning of his

junior year taking off on a degenerative path led by Bone, his friend and fraternity brother. Truman meets Paige Kupryn and he begins to understand what he's been missing in a relationship. Paige is beautiful, blonde, and drives a Corvette.

Truman realizes he has never had more fun in college. But the price paid has been the loss of his moral compass. He has an all or nothing personality, making the transition from devoted student and physical fitness freak to thrill seeker with an indifference to most everything—spawning interesting, as well as humorous, consequences.

The book brings a reminder of how liberated college students are holding the privileges of adulthood minus the constraints. Said freedom has allowed childish antics fueled by adult minds during any era of college life and is the backbone of exaggerated behavior, which is personified in this story.

Available at www.amazon.com.



Left: Members of Epsilon Kappa at the Operation Crimson Gift blood drive.

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT:

Southeastern Louisiana Epsilon Kappa

www.kaoek.com

Epsilon Kappa chapter is growing at an unprecedented rate, with 32 gentlemen signing bids this fall, the largest new member class in the chapter's history. Epsilon Kappa is placing a greater importance than ever on gentlemanly conduct, as Kappa Alpha Order strives to set a good example for a world that is continually becoming less civil. Gentlemanly conduct is so uppermost in the minds of Epsilon Kappa's brothers that the chapter's website proudly features the text of Robert E. Lee's "Definition of a Gentleman."

With this in mind, the brothers of Epsilon Kappa have developed a new member education program to train new members to become great actives and better gentlemen.

The program consists of communicating, among other things, the rules of a strict no-hazing policy; promoting active and new member team building activities; reinforcing the tenets set forth in the KA new member education manual *The Varlet*; conducting an etiquette class; and more.

The chapter passed a bylaw that required all members of the chapter to join another on-campus organization. The chapter has had three brothers highly involved with IFC, with one that was the elected IFC Vice-President. The chapter also had three brothers serve as senators for SGA, and one that was appointed to Appropriations Committee Chair.

The next step was to get involved in White Province. Epsilon Kappa sent over 30% of its chapter to the 2011 White Province Council this past January where Number I Kent Landacre was elected Province Undergraduate Chairman.

The chapter also wanted to become involved nationally in

2011-12 Goals

Epsilon Kappa's primary goal this year is to win the Samuel Zenas Ammen award. The chapter has come up with eight goals for that may help any chapter win that award, including:

1. Maintaining a minimum 3.0 chapter GPA
2. 90% participation in chapter activities
3. Maintaining a 40-man chapter
4. Contributing a minimum 15 hours of community service per man per semester
5. Winning the Best Chapter award at SELU
6. Maintaining the best IFC GPA
7. Winning the Intramural Championship
8. Winning Greek Week or Homecoming

order to learn valuable information to bring home. So this past summer the chapter sent six brothers to the Emerging Leaders Academy (ELA) (one of whom was a Mock Chapter Advisor) and one to the Crusade Roundtable, and all seven attended Stewards of the Order. The experience fired up each of these young brothers so much that they immediately began putting the ideas they learned at ELA into action, helping the chapter take one more step in the right direction.

This year the chapter completed over 400 Hours of community service and donated \$2,250 to various philanthropies, including \$1,500 to MDA, and participated in Operation Crimson Gift in both the spring and fall semesters by hosting two blood drives that had over 150 people donate blood on campus, including all of our actives. With an eye towards philanthropy, gentlemanly conduct, and both chapter and personal growth, Kappa Epsilon is excited about the future. 🇺🇸

- Kent Landacre, I

Birmingham-Southern Phi

www.bscka.org

This past spring, Phi chapter teamed with Pi Beta Phi and the two were named Greek Week champions. The two chapters competed in trivia contests, Greek games, and various philanthropy activities. A book drive was also held, and the two chapters donated over 1,000 books to a local elementary school. In addition, this past spring and during the summer, several brothers cleaned up debris in the Pratt City area of Birmingham that was devastated by last April's tornados, and plan to continue to help out this fall.

– Andrew Bailey, I

Delta State Delta Beta

The gentlemen of Delta Beta have had a busy year, as evidenced by their numbers in recruiting and fundraising. Five new brothers were initiated in a year that saw four Recruitment parties and five open bids given, and numerous brothers representing the chapter in student government and various societies and associations. The brothers raised over \$3600 with a fish fry for MDA and logged some 1,700 hours in a number of community service activities, serving food at an Alzheimer's benefit, helping build a playground at an elementary school, working at a blood drive and much more. All fall initiates and officers attended Province Council at Ole Miss, and brothers Michael Oleis and James Bellipanni represented the chapter at the 74th National Convention, where the chapter was recognized for being the first in the nation to turn in its credentials for the convention.

– Michael Oleis, Number I

Drury Beta Iota

The brothers of Beta Iota chapter volunteered their time at the Second Annual Kentucky Derby Party to benefit the people served by The Springfield Workshop, which provides jobs for some 250 people with developmental disabilities. The Springfield Workshop Foundation, the recipient of the funds raised at the event, assists the non-profit organization's employees and helps fund new initiatives to employ the disabled.

Eastern Carolina Gamma Rho

The gentlemen of Gamma Rho got the fall off to a great start after an eventful summer that saw the chapter's Number III and Number VI attend the Emerging Leaders Academy in Lexington, Virginia. There, Gamma Rho's Number VI had the opportunity to be a part of the model chapter for the event. The brothers are putting a strong emphasis on recruiting new members in the hopes of having a large new member class this fall. The brothers also plan to actively partake in as many community service activities around Greenville as possible this year, and have already volunteered to help at the Greenville Police Department, and plan to frequently clean up litter on 5th street, a stretch of road that runs next to campus. The chapter is also very excited about participating in intramural sports and other Greek events on campus.

– Joshua Ludwig, IV

Elon Epsilon Mu

Epsilon Mu at Elon has experienced some unfortunate transgressions by its members in the past months, but the brothers of the chapter are consciously working to put those incidents behind them and restore the Kappa Alpha name on campus. The chapter's focus in the coming months will revolve mainly on contacting chapter alumni to gain support, and promote Epsilon Mu's philanthropy projects both on campus and in the greater Elon, North Carolina area.

– Joseph Naso, V

Francis Marion Delta Tau

Because of its relatively small size, Greek life at Francis Marion is not as widely supported as at larger schools. Last year, IFC at FMU lost Alpha Tau Omega, and this year, the two remaining fraternities, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Kappa Alpha Order, are fighting harder than ever to keep the spirit of brotherhood alive on the campus. The gentlemen of Delta Tau are planning a self-defense awareness event with other Greek organizations in which the student body can learn self-defense techniques from a martial art school. The brothers of Delta Tau are also participating in a 5k run/walk to raise funds for MDA,

and are assisting with the Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair. Within KA, the brothers have enrolled in Council of Honor with hopes of furthering their knowledge of the laws and customs of KA. With only two IFC fraternities left on campus, KA is leading the way to give Greek Life at FMU a better outlook, and the gentlemen of Delta Tau are facing any adversities head-on.

– Paulo De Guzman, V

Georgia College Epsilon Nu

The Epsilon Nu chapter has been recognized and commended for its philanthropic work and community service through Georgia Senate Resolution 611, stating "it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately recognized," and which "commend(s) gentlemen of the Epsilon Nu chapter of Kappa Alpha Order for their outstanding contributions to the State of Georgia."

– Ross Sheppard, VI

Jacksonville State Delta Phi

Delta Phi chapter recently inducted 26 new members awaiting initiation, with none of that number coming from IFC recruitment and over half the new member class on academic scholarship. This is in addition to the chapter's 24 actives. The brothers are also looking forward to a successful Homecoming in late October.

– Ben Prickett, IV

Kentucky Theta

For the brothers of the Theta chapter accomplished their largest fall Recruitment in over 20 years, inducting 29 new members into the chapter. This past year the brothers did very well in intramurals on campus, namely flag football, basketball and volleyball, and are looking to have a strong year in athletics again this year. The brothers are also looking forward to their two major community service events—an MDA cookout and the annual blood drive competition.

– Tristan Santor, V



Kentucky: The gentlemen of Theta chapter celebrating the induction of new members after the fall Recruitment.

Memphis

Gamma Gamma

For the past 3 years, the Gamma Gamma Chapter has participated in the MDA Telethon in Memphis over Labor Day Weekend. This year, it was on September 4th. We had a total of 12 chapter members volunteer to answer phones and take donations, live on News Channel 3. The telethon raised over \$200,000 for the organization. We look forward to continuing to be a part of such a successful fundraiser.

Millsaps

Alpha Mu

The Alpha Mu chapter at Millsaps is poised and ready for a great year. The brothers are excited that, on Bid Day, 33 bids were issued and 31 were picked up. Besides recruitment, Alpha Mu is hosting its annual golf tournament on November 4, in order to raise money for MDA. The chapter was presented with a plaque for “Outstanding Dedication to MDA” at MDA Summer Camp VIP Night; the chapter was recognized with the plaque as most of the money it raises for MDA goes to summer camp for programs for young people Muscular Dystrophy. Additionally, the brothers are publishing the third issue of the Alpha Mu Crusader, the bi-semester newsletter.

Presbyterian

Beta Pi

The gentlemen of Beta Pi did some much-needed improvements to the chapter house over the summer, including bathroom improvements and new paint in the living room as well as mulching outside. A new roof is also slated to be installed as well, with the continued support of Beta Pi alumni. The beginning of football season saw

a new tailgate location directly beside Bailey Memorial Stadium, where the brothers supported senior offensive linemen Maxwell Travis '09 and Blake Dowd '10.

Beta Pi anticipates an outstanding fall new member class class, and plans to continue its upward climb in campus involvement in such areas as the Presbyterian Honor Council, Student Government Association, Improv Underground, PC Orchestra, and Residence Life. A charity skeet shoot is also beginning to take shape as well.

– Cameron Lawson, V

Randolph-Macon

Zeta

www.rmcka.com

The brothers of Zeta chapter have begun the fall semester with high spirits and an ambitious attitude, implementing the newly-created “Gentleman’s Scholarship,” in which new freshmen will have the opportunity to receive scholarship money after writing brief essays on their definitions of what it means to be a gentleman. This scholarship has been featured in The Yellow Jacket, Randolph-Macon’s student newspaper. The chapter is also working on reaching out to the community, seeking new members, getting the Kappa Alpha name in clear view, and establishing leadership on campus as a whole.

– West Smithers, V

Roanoke

Beta Rho

The gentlemen of Beta Rho are building on the heels of a past year that saw many great improvements in the chapter, including the highest cumulative GPA in years, as well as a marked increase in both numbers and

popularity on the Roanoke campus. The brothers finished second overall in the recent Greek Week, raising an estimated \$500 to support local nonprofit organizations, and the chapter is excited by its first new member class of the school year.

– Connor Toomey, V

Tennessee Tech

Zeta Epsilon

orgs.tntech.edu/ka

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Kappa-Alpha-Order-TN-Tech/185497751472340

The brothers of the Zeta Epsilon chapter overcame being small in number in previous semesters to having the most successful Spring Recruitment in six years. The chapter’s new brothers have been a tremendous addition to the chapter, several of whom have already risen to the rank of officer. The chapter’s existing members and new initiates combined their efforts for Old South Week and raised \$1,600 for MDA.

– Jordan Michael Chitwood, V

Vanderbilt

Chi

<http://studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/kappaalpaorder/Welcome.html>

The gentlemen of Chi are proud to have received the Panhellenic Council Outstanding Collaborative Program and the Interfraternity Council Outstanding Philanthropy Project awards. Some of the chapter’s goals this year include to have new members’ average GPAs improve to at least a 3.3, and to develop a fraternity-wide student organization service. The brothers have been volunteering at Nashville’s Second Harvest Food Bank, sorting food and assisting however needed, and the brothers are also planning to hold a philanthropy event to raise money for MDA. An interesting educational event that the brothers have planned is to have a well-known lawyer address them as a group about legal ramifications and consequences of underage drinking. Some of the gentlemen also attended Emerging Leaders Academy.

– Jarrett Wadler, V

Wake Forest

Tau

Getting their fall off to a brotherly start, the gentlemen of Tau chapter volunteered with Residence Life and



Memphis: Chapter brothers manning the phones for Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).



Washington & Lee: Number V Lawson Neal and Number I Anderson Wadsden at local Roanoke, Virginia MDA Telethon

Housing at WFU to help freshmen move into their new dorm rooms on Move-In Day.

– Luke Schwartz, I

William Jewell
Alpha Delta

The brothers of Alpha Delta received awards in recognition of academics and first-year retention, as well as the Hanna Doberstine award for Greek Organization of the Year. The brothers also joined with thousands of other volunteers from all over the country to lend their efforts to the cleanup of Joplin, Missouri, about 175 miles south of William Jewell in Liberty, Missouri, after the devastating EF-5 tornado in May.

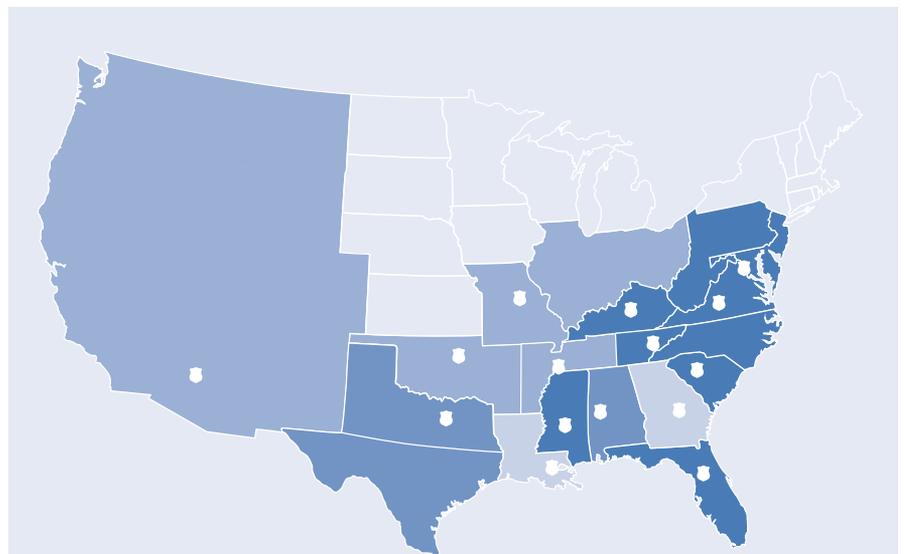
– Tyler Bullis, I

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Zeta Zeta

www.ka-zetazeta.com

Zeta Zeta chapter lost a large portion of its chapter after graduation this past May, and the remaining members are hard at work to find young men who will carry on the chapter's legacy. Optimism reigns, however, and new leadership in the chapter under Number I Taylor Collins has brought fresh ideas and motivation to chapter operations and recruitment. The outlook is bright, with the goal being to recruit the best and brightest prospects for the chapter and to attain the highest GPA among fraternities on campus.

– Benjamin Murphy, V



Province Councils announced for Spring 2012

■ **JANUARY 27-28, 2012**

Province: White (Louisiana)
Location: Southeastern Louisiana University

Province: Hardeman (Georgia)
Location: Georgia College and State University

■ **FEBRUARY 10-11, 2012**

Province: Irwin (Mississippi)
Location: Millsaps College

Provinces: Ammen (Virginia), Hamilton (West Virginia & Pennsylvania), Smith (North Carolina)
Location: Virginia Military Institute

Province: Feller (Eastern Tennessee)
Location: University of Tennessee

Province: Wood (Maryland, DC, Delaware, New Jersey)
Location: The George Washington University

Province: Graves (South Carolina)
Location: Clemson University

Province: Crawford (Florida)
Location: University of Florida

Province: Candler (Kentucky)
Location: University of Kentucky

■ **FEBRUARY 17-18, 2012**

Provinces: Chiles (Missouri), Frampton (Illinois, Indiana, Ohio)
Location: Westminster College

Province: Locke (Oklahoma & Western Arkansas)
Location: University of Tulsa

Province: Forester (Western Tennessee & Eastern Arkansas)
Location: University of Memphis

Province: Neal (California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado & Wyoming)
Location: Arizona State University

■ **FEBRUARY 25, 2012**

Provinces: Mikell (Northern Texas), Walsh (Southern Texas)
Location: University of Texas at Arlington

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Former Texas Governor Passes Away

Former Texas Governor William P. Clements, Jr. (Beta Lambda - Southern Methodist '39), who in 1979 became Texas' first Republican elected governor since Reconstruction, died on May 29, at age 94.

Clements, whose belief that state government should operate like a big business helped change the face of Texas politics, died after what his family said was a brief stay at a Dallas-area hospital.

Clements served two terms as governor despite losing his first re-election bid. A Texas oilman, he saw his first term in office as a major change in the way the state operated. Clements then returned four years later and was re-elected as governor. He served in that role until 1991.

Clements began his political career heading Richard Nixon's 1972 presidential campaign in Texas. He served as deputy secretary of defense for the U.S. Department of Defense from 1973 to 1977.

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The 2011 Annual Report of the
Kappa Alpha Order
Educational Foundation



Dear brothers and friends,

We have just completed another stellar year, and looking back, we have a lot to celebrate. Our successes can be measured both in the classroom and from within our active chapters. The mission of the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation (KAOEF) – “to raise funds for the benefit of the Order;” is a simple statement yet it profoundly affects our Order each year. After having gone through an outstanding decade of success to begin the twenty first century, KA continues looking to its future with this same vision in mind. Since 2000, Kappa Alpha Order has transformed itself into one of the leading fraternities in the country. We have achieved this recognition based on the level of leadership education and values-based training that we offer to our undergraduate brothers, as well as our renewed focus on academics. These programs and opportunities for our undergraduates are the result of the outstanding efforts of our Kappa Alpha Order staff and volunteers; and the generosity of our alumni and friends. In eleven short years, the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation has grown from \$6 million to \$9.7 million in net assets. Over the years, thousands of our undergraduate’s lives have been touched by the KA experience, but by far, more have felt firsthand our involvement. The KAOEF, because of your generosity, has had a direct impact.

Kappa Alpha Order and KAOEF have many accomplishments to be proud of from the 2010-2011 year. First, our active chapters posted a record high average 2.88 overall GPA. The foundation awarded 96 scholarships totaling \$101,425 to assist recipients with their educational pursuits. The Board of Trustees again granted \$75,000 in educational and leadership training support to Kappa Alpha that assisted in:

- Educating 116 chapter presidents at the Number 1’s Leadership Institute (NLI);
- Training 2,155 undergraduate men at our enhanced Province Councils;
- Assisting 113 rising chapter leaders at the Emerging Leaders Academy; and
- Providing programming to 44 Crusade Commanders at The Round Table.

Additionally, five interns experienced an eight-week summer internship in Washington, DC for the 7th year in a row as part of the E. Fleming Mason Memorial Internship program. All of these wonderful leadership and educational opportunities were provided to the men of KA at little or no cost thanks to donations from alumni and friends and we can’t say thank you enough!

As a supporter of the KAOEF, you share in the reward of ensuring that future generations of young men will enjoy the same wonderful experiences and lifelong friendships that remain at the forefront of the KA experience. Again, thank you so much for your continued generosity and I hope you enjoy this 2010-2011 Annual Report.

Fraternally yours,



Rock N. Houstoun (Xi – Southwestern ’70)
Chairman and President
Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation

The alumni here, and throughout the report, were interviewed for the launch of Forever KA.



“I have brothers and sisters in my blood family who I love, but I feel equally as close to my KA brothers.”

~ David Ferrell (Beta Upsilon – Marshall '65)



Keep the connection for life ... indeed we must.

Brothers, we believe and teach that Kappa Alpha Order is a lifetime obligation, but the stark reality is that for the great majority of our brothers, the only relationship with KA is their own chapter, and, only a small percentage of those men maintain that connection.

Ask any alumnus and you will most likely hear him say that he had a great experience in his undergraduate chapter. However, he will then most likely tell you that after he left college behind, he moved on with his life and only thinks of KA on occasion.

These brothers are often not heard from again, until perhaps their sons are ready to go to college. We, the volunteers and staff, who toil for the Order on a regular basis, hear this story time and time again, and the fact is the fabric of our organization, the brotherhood of Kappa Alpha is what is being damaged. You see, our brotherhood is missing out on the talents, time, experiences, and, yes even treasure, of thousands and thousands and thousands of men.

Forever KA is indeed a program whereby our brothers will bind themselves closer to the Order. But, it is about so much more than that. It is about making our Order stronger by tapping into our greatest resource, the vast reserves of talented men that form our great brotherhood. We need their talents, treasure and time. Forever KA is not a giving society; it is an opportunity for Kappa Alpha Order alumni to stay connected for life by not only supporting not only the Order, but your specific chapter with a gift of \$18.65 a month.

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But, please know if you take one thing away from this article today. Forever KA is not about you or a dollar amount, but it is about what you can do for KA and what all of us together can do for KA. Forever KA is having a single, central place to channel our resources makes your job easier, your chapter stronger, enhances the Order, and dramatically increases what you can do to help others. As you will see firsthand, a simple \$18.65 a month changes what can be done by this organization.

What if, what if we had more talent, more money and more ways to help your chapters and communities? What if we had hundreds of alumni contributing to a chapter endowment account for their preferred chapter each month for scholarships or other educational expenses? Think of what we could accomplish.

Brothers we have a connection for life we must pull together and pay back the un-payable debt with clarity of purpose, time and patience our Order can be transformed for the better ... perhaps beyond what even you or I can imagine today.

Are we united in purpose? Can we work together? I know that we can. As brothers we remain Forever KA.



5 Ways to Give Back to KA

1. Cash Gifts

The most convenient and frequently used method of supporting the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation (KAOEF) is a gift of cash – personal check, credit card authorization or money order – made payable to the KAOEF and mailed to P.O. Box 1865, Lexington VA 24450. Online donations can also be made through the KAOEF website (kaoef.org).

2. Appreciated Securities

A gift of your appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares is an ideal way to support the KAOEF. The educational programs of the Order will benefit from your support and you will receive a tax deduction for your contributions. In addition, transferring the securities prior to liquidation will help you to avoid capital gains taxes. Please contact the KAOEF for personal assistance with the transfer of assets of this type.

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related to the KAOEF's purpose and function to be fully deductible. For example, a brother can donate a percentage interest in a building to the KAOEF that can be sold and the proceeds would be directed to the KAOEF.

4. Matching Gifts Many corporations will match gifts to the KAOEF.

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5. Planned Giving

The KAOEF has benefited greatly from planned gifts in its past from members of the 1865 Trust and beyond. Inclusion of the KAOEF in your will or trust should reference the KAOEF, P.O. Box 1865, Lexington VA. Please visit kaoef.org/plannedgiving for further information.



The Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation (KAOEF), a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, was created in 1981 to promote the education of undergraduate and graduate students in academic improvement, leadership, alcohol and substance abuse prevention and other general educational areas.

The KAOEF receives no government funding but provides a vehicle for tax-deductible contributions from alumni and friends to be made in support of KA. With these gifts, the KAOEF helps underwrite a number of educational programs to the benefit of the Order.

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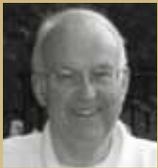
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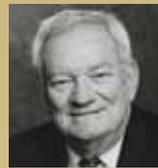
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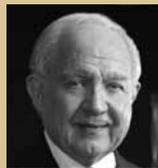
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Dear Brothers,

As you may or may not know, the 1865 Trust recognizes the generosity and foresight of those who choose to embrace the visions of KA's future by making a meaningful planned gift to the KAOEF. Their entrance into the ranks of the 1865 Trust bears powerful testimony to the charitable expressions of their values, ideals, and commitment to Kappa Alpha Order's future. Membership in the 1865 Trust recognizes those who have made provisions for a planned gift of \$10,000 or more to the KAOEF. Most of our alumni in the 1865 Trust will fulfill their gift through one of the most common, and perhaps easiest, ways of making a planned gift, by naming the KAOEF in their wills or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or an IRA.

As a supporter of the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation, you should take great pride in knowing that the Trust continues to be the most well recognized and celebrated planned giving society in the fraternal world. On August 19, 2011 the North American Interfraternity Conference Foundation recognized the 1865 Trust as having the best overall planned giving development program for the third year in a row. 110 national fraternity foundations currently operate planned giving development programs, but the 1865 Trust once again emerged as the finest and most effective of its kind.

In addition to this significant accomplishment, this year the Trust welcomed seven new members to its ranks with a gift total of \$282,500 in new estate gifts pledges to the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation (KAOEF). This caps off an impressive three year total of \$3,207,500 in estate pledges from new Trust members and a growth rate of 31% in membership. 141 brothers have joined the Trust since it was created in 1992.

In closing, I wanted to share with you that I recently returned from the 74th National KA Convention in Phoenix, AZ and was able to spend time with over 500 undergraduate and alumni brothers from across the Order. While present at each Convention I am constantly reminded how strong our brotherhood remains. When we all come together on behalf of the Order in a positive manner there is no limit to what we can accomplish. I was also particularly proud to have all 1865 Trust members recognized on the convention floor yet again this year by Former Knight Commander J. Michael Duncan, and to hear the commitment to the Trust by our new Knight Commander William E. Dreyer.

This year, I would be delighted if you would consider the 1865 Trust. I cannot emphasize more strongly how important it is that we are all committed. If you have any questions about the 1865 Trust, or if you wish to join the ranks of 141 other KA brothers who have already become members, please contact Erik Showalter, Director of Development, at the National Administrative Office, either by phone, (540) 463-1865, or by e-mail, eshowalter@ka-order.org.

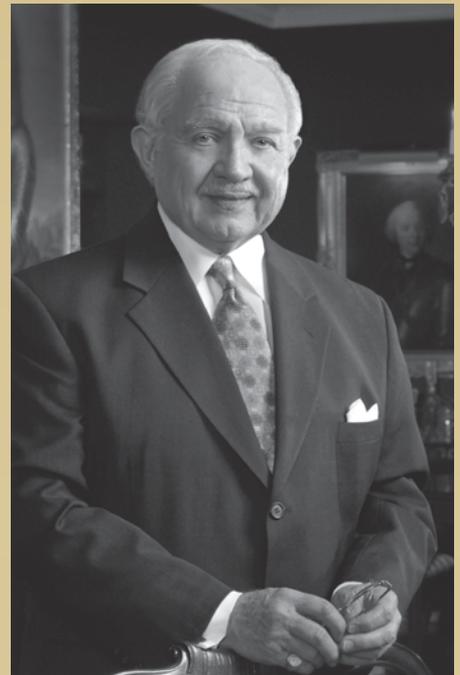
Thank you for your continued support of the Order, and for making Kappa Alpha Order a lifelong commitment.

My regards and very best wishes.
Fraternally yours,



Idris Rhea Traylor, Jr.
Former Knight Commander/Chairman 1865 Trust

The 1865 Trust



Traylor

*“Two of us lost our real brothers that semester.
And if it wasn’t for our KA brothers, I’m not sure
how we’d gotten through it.”*

~ Mike Shields (Epsilon Phi – George Mason ‘89)



1865 Trust Members

+ = deceased

- Mr. Timothy K. Adams, Epsilon ‘57
Mr. William H. Angle, Alpha Eta ‘45+
Anonymous
Mr. G. Patterson Apperson III,
Alpha Alpha ‘80
The Honorable Paul C. Artman, Jr.,
Delta Beta ‘70
Mr. Douglas D. Ashley, Beta Gamma ‘87
Mr. Lawrence E. Ault, Delta Delta ‘71+
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Mr. Carlton W. Baker, Zeta ‘81
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Mr. Robert D. Kelly, Delta Pi ‘73
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Mr. Jeffrey W. Love, Epsilon Rho ‘86
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Mr. Michael W. McDowell, Gamma Sigma ‘90
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Mr. John R. Milam, Delta Lambda ‘72
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Mr. Julian A. Pardini, Alpha Xi ‘52+
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Mr. J. William Schulz, Alpha Kappa ‘60
Mr. C. Edward Schmidt, Jr., Beta Alpha ‘62
Mr. Marc A. Scott, Gamma Upsilon ‘84
Mr. Gary T. Scott, Xi ‘63
Mr. Frank P. Sebastian, Omicron ‘44
Mr. Rufus W. Shivers, Alpha Epsilon ‘42*
Mr. Gregory R. Singleton, Gamma Gamma ‘82
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Mr. Gregory B. Smith, Epsilon Lambda ‘85
Mr. Paul E. Snodgrass, Alpha Epsilon ‘43+
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Mr. F. M. Stevenson, Beta Xi ‘30+
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Mr. Jack R. Taylor, Alpha Kappa ‘50
Mr. Henry G. Tiller, Jr, Alpha Beta ‘47+
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Mrs. Virginia N. Toombs+
Dr. Idris R. Traylor, Jr., Gamma Chi ‘70
Mr. Carl Trauernicht Jr, Alpha Eta ‘42+
Mr. John E. Trotter, Gamma Upsilon ‘88
Mr. James T. Turner Jr., Kappa ‘70
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Mr. Chad E. Wagoner, Delta Pi ‘93
Mr. Frank A. Walker Jr, Chi ‘48
Mr. David M. Warren, Tau ‘78
Mr. R. Gordon Watkins, Delta Kappa ‘73
Mr. Dan Webb, Delta Lambda ‘72
Dr. William A. Weinrich, Mu ‘51
Mr. Roy H. Whipp, Alpha Rho ‘68
Mr. Larry S. Wiese, Gamma Omega ‘87
Mr. Warren E. Wilcox, Jr., Alpha ‘54
Mr. Richard B. Wilson, Jr., Alpha Upsilon ‘58
Mr. John T. Woodruff, Beta Iota ‘75
Mr. Lewis H. Wyman III, Alpha Kappa ‘63

1865 Trust recognized for third straight year!

Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation captures Award of Distinction

At the recent annual North-American Interfraternity Conference Foundation Seminar, the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation (KAOEF) was recognized with distinction. For the third straight, KAOEF's planned giving society the "1865 Trust," received the award in the category of Best Planned Giving Effort. Submissions from many other fraternity and sorority foundations were judged according to the following: Overall effectiveness, participation, net income, cost per dollar raised, participation rate, and other relevant supporting material.

"We're thrilled to have the 1865 Trust selected yet again as the Best Planned Giving Effort in the fraternity and sorority foundation world. The brothers committed to this society have pledged an enormous amount of support and we cannot thank them enough. This award is truly because of their support," said KAOEF Executive Director Larry Stanton Wiese.

Idris R. Traylor, Jr., Former Knight Commander, serves as the Chairman and sends personal letters each year to the members. Erik Showalter, KAOEF Director of Development and program administrator, had this to say: "Former Knight Commander Traylor is a strong supporter of the 1865 Trust. With his support and the membership, our efforts continue to grow and benefit the Order."

Since 2009, the membership for the 1865 Trust has grown by 31%, and KAOEF has received \$3,207,500 in new estate pledges. After paying all publication and mailing costs, the KAOEF planned giving marketing efforts remains at an expense of only 2.5 cents per dollar raised. With 141 members currently participating in the 1865 Trust, the message is simple – planned gifts can be made at any age, and it does not have to be a complicated process.

The Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, created in 1981, to promote the education of undergraduate and graduate students in academic improvement, leadership, alcohol and substance abuse prevention and other general educational areas.

The KAOEF receives no government funding but provides no government funding but provides a vehicle for tax-deductible contributions from alumni and friends to be made in support of Kappa Alpha Order. With these gifts, the KAOEF helps underwrite a number of educational programs to the benefit of the Order. More information may be found at www.kaoef.org.

KAOEF Foundation Chapter Program Continues To Set a New Standard

Since its maiden voyage in 2010 the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation's premiere undergraduate giving program has set a new standard for undergraduate giving throughout the entire Order and the fraternal world. In only its second year the Foundation Chapter program acquired 3,194 donations from KA undergraduates, far exceeding the number of alumni donors in 2011 to the KAOEF. It is also worth highlighting that 64 of our 125 current active chapters contributed 100% to the effort. Each contribution goes towards continuing both annual scholarships and award winning KAOEF sponsored programming for our undergraduate brothers.

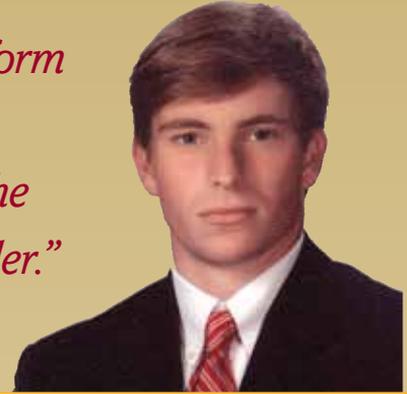
The KAOEF would like to personally thank each and every undergraduate member who supported us in this worthy cause again in 2011. Please see the list of all undergraduate chapters who are now designated as Foundation Chapters for 2011 by the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Alpha	Washington & Lee University	Epsilon Mu	Elon University
Alpha Beta	University of Alabama	Epsilon Nu	Georgia College
Alpha Delta	William Jewell College	Epsilon Omicron	Virginia Wesleyan College
Alpha Eta	Westminster College	Epsilon Phi	George Mason University
Alpha Gamma	Louisiana State University	Epsilon Psi	University of North Carolina - Wilmington
Alpha Kappa	University of Missouri	Epsilon Sigma	University of West Florida
Alpha Mu	Millsaps College	Gamma	University of Georgia
Alpha Nu	George Washington University	Gamma Alpha	Louisiana Tech University
Alpha Omega	North Carolina State University	Gamma Beta	Missouri State University
Alpha Theta	Transylvania University	Gamma Eta	Florida State University
Beta Alpha	Missouri University of Science and Technology	Gamma Gamma	University of Memphis
Beta Chi	West Virginia Wesleyan College	Gamma Lambda	University of North Texas
Beta Epsilon	University of Delaware	Gamma Nu	University of Louisiana - Monroe
Beta Iota	Drury College	Gamma Psi	Northwestern State University
Beta Omega	Washington College	Gamma Sigma	West Texas A&M University
Beta Tau	Mississippi State University	Gamma Xi	Lamar University
Beta Upsilon	Marshall University	Iota	Furman University
Beta Xi	Oklahoma State University	Lambda	University of Virginia
Delta	Wofford College	Nu	Auburn University
Delta Alpha	Western Carolina University	Phi	Birmingham-Southern College
Delta Beta	Delta State University	Pi	University of Tennessee - Knoxville
Delta Lambda	Middle Tennessee State University	Psi	Tulane University
Delta Phi	Jacksonville State University	Rho	University of South Carolina - Columbia
Delta Pi	Missouri Southern State University	Tau	Wake Forest University
Delta Psi	Appalachian State University	Theta	University of Kentucky
Delta Rho	Valdosta State University	Upsilon	University of North Carolina
Delta Tau	Francis Marion University	UTC_PC	University of Tennessee - Chattanooga
Delta Theta	Georgia Southern University	Zeta Kappa	University of West Georgia
Delta Upsilon	University of Tennessee - Martin	Zeta Mu	University of Washington
Delta Xi	Mcneese State University	Zeta Pi	Florida Gulf Coast University
Epsilon Alpha	University of South Alabama	Zeta Zeta	Wingate University
Epsilon Iota	Texas State University		
Epsilon Kappa	Southeastern Louisiana University		

Participating chapters as of 6/30/2011

“Scholarships such as these serve as an incentive to perform at a higher level in every facet of my life. I thank the KAOEF for this recognition, and am truly grateful for the opportunity to be a gentlemen of the Kappa Alpha Order.”

~ William Harvey (Alpha Beta – Alabama '08)
Recipient of the Col. David M. Buie Memorial Scholarship.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The KAOEF Scholarship Program continues to be a primary focus each and every year, and it remains an important benefit to the members of Kappa Alpha Order. In many cases the support our young men receive through these academic, merit, and needs based scholarships serves an inspiration for academic excellence and oftentimes means the difference between attending undergraduate or graduate school or not.

In April of 2011, the KAOEF scholarship committee was very pleased to award \$61,050 in academic scholarships for the 2011-

2012 academic year, to 68 deserving Kappa Alpha brothers. Applications for the 2012-2013 academic year are currently online at www.kappaalphaorder.org and all materials must be received by February 2, 2012. For further questions, please contact Lisa Metivier at the National Administrative Office by phone at (540) 463-1865, or email lmativier@ka-order.org. The KAOEF board of trustees would like to congratulate and honor the following 2011-2012 recipients:

Tucker Nathaniel Anders,
Pi, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Nicholas Vincent Anderson,
Zeta Lambda, Bowling Green State University

Max Edward Ashworth,
Epsilon Psi, University of North Carolina-Wilmington

Andre Douglas Aubert,
Alpha Mu, Millsaps College

Garrett Alexander Bedenbaugh,
Epsilon Xi, University of North Carolina

Andrew Dean Blackburn,
Epsilon Xi, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Johnny Lee Blankenship,
Nu, Auburn University

Dylan Walsh Broussard,
Alpha Mu, Millsaps College

Thomas Heath Cox,
Alpha Iota, Centenary College

Robert Wesley Crues,
Gamma Pi, Florida Southern College

Frederic McCracken Davis,
Alpha, Washington & Lee University

Kyle Alan Domick,
Beta Xi, Oklahoma State University

Christopher Blake Durham,
Epsilon, Emory University

Andrew Lee Edwards,
Alpha Delta, William Jewel College

Tomas Ruben Engle,
Alpha Rho, West Virginia University

William Evan Eye,
Epsilon, Emory University

Jason Michael Eyestone,
Gamma Lambda, University of North Texas

Brian Robert Farrington,
Alpha Delta, William Jewel College

Randolph Williams Rauntleroy,
Rho, University of South Carolina

Chad Michael Fedler,
Zeta Iota, Indiana State University

Michael Jay Ferril,
Beta Tau, Mississippi State University

Humbert Joseph Giannaccini,
Beta Omicron, Washington College

Jordan Travis Gist,
Gamma Chi, Texas Tech University

Nathan Alexander Gordon,
Epsilon, Emory University

Robert Hoyt Grand,
Alpha Iota, Centenary College

William Keith Harvey,
Alpha Beta, University of Alabama

John "Jack" Heron,
Iota, Furman University

Thomas Michael Herrera,
Alpha Delta, William Jewel College

Brandon Gregory Highfill,
Beta Xi, Oklahoma State University

Christopher James Hill,
Epsilon Sigma, University of West Florida

Daniel Martin Horning,
Alpha Nu, George Washington University

James Reel Howell,
Nu, Auburn University

Charles Webster Humphreys,
Nu, Auburn University

Jarrett Tate Jackson,
Gamma Sigma, West Texas A & M University

Michael Brooks Jung,
Tau, Wake Forest University

Sadeq Mohammed Khan,
Zeta Theta, James Madison University

Gregory Karr Kichler,
Mu, University of Tulsa

Matthew Wayne Kocisak,
Mu, University of Tulsa

Hunter Ross Lentz,
Beta Tau, University of Texas - Austin

Tyler Justin Lewis,
Beta Iota, Drury University

Thomas Ashley Limehouse,
Rho, University of South Carolina

Michael Shephard Lorence,
Beta Commission, Virginia Military Institute

John Quentin "Bo" Mantooth,
Delta Upsilon, Auburn University

Miles Duvall McCarthy,
Omicron, University of Texas - Austin

Chase Matthew McNulty,
Epsilon Theta, Western Kentucky University

Ryan Thomas Merz,
Zeta Mu, San Diego State University

George Givens Miller,
Omicron, University of Texas - Austin

Wayne Bryan Miranda,
Omicron, University of Texas - Austin

Jeffrey Steven Moad,
Epsilon Theta, Western Kentucky University

Michael John Mocharla,
Omicron, University of Texas - Austin

Johnathan Abraham Mondel,
Alpha Zeta, College of William & Mary

Andrew Paul Moroux,
Alpha Mu, Millsaps College

Jonathan Paul Mundorf,
Zeta Lambda, Bowling Green State University

Brandon Bruce Nunnally,
Zeta, Randolph-Macon College

Devin Thomas O'Shea,
Alpha Kappa, University of Missouri-Columbia

John Robert Parrish,
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Richard James Pettey,
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William Joseph Salley,
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James Charles Salter,
Nu, Auburn University

William Christopher Conway Schatzman,
Gamma, University of Georgia

Preston Reid Schwartz,
Delta Omicron, Clemson University

Colin Chase Smith,
Xi, Southwestern University

Luke Carpenter Smith,
Beta Epsilon, University of Delaware

Scott H. Sussin,
Beta Epsilon, University of Delaware

Mark Edward Wright,
Alpha Eta, Westminster College

“From learning the basics of political fundraising and working along-side the president of the company to meeting various politicians and simply living in DC, my summer was filled with once in a lifetime opportunities.”



~ Brook Sebren (Gamma Nu – Louisiana-Monroe '09)
 Recipient of the E. Fleming Mason Memorial Internship.

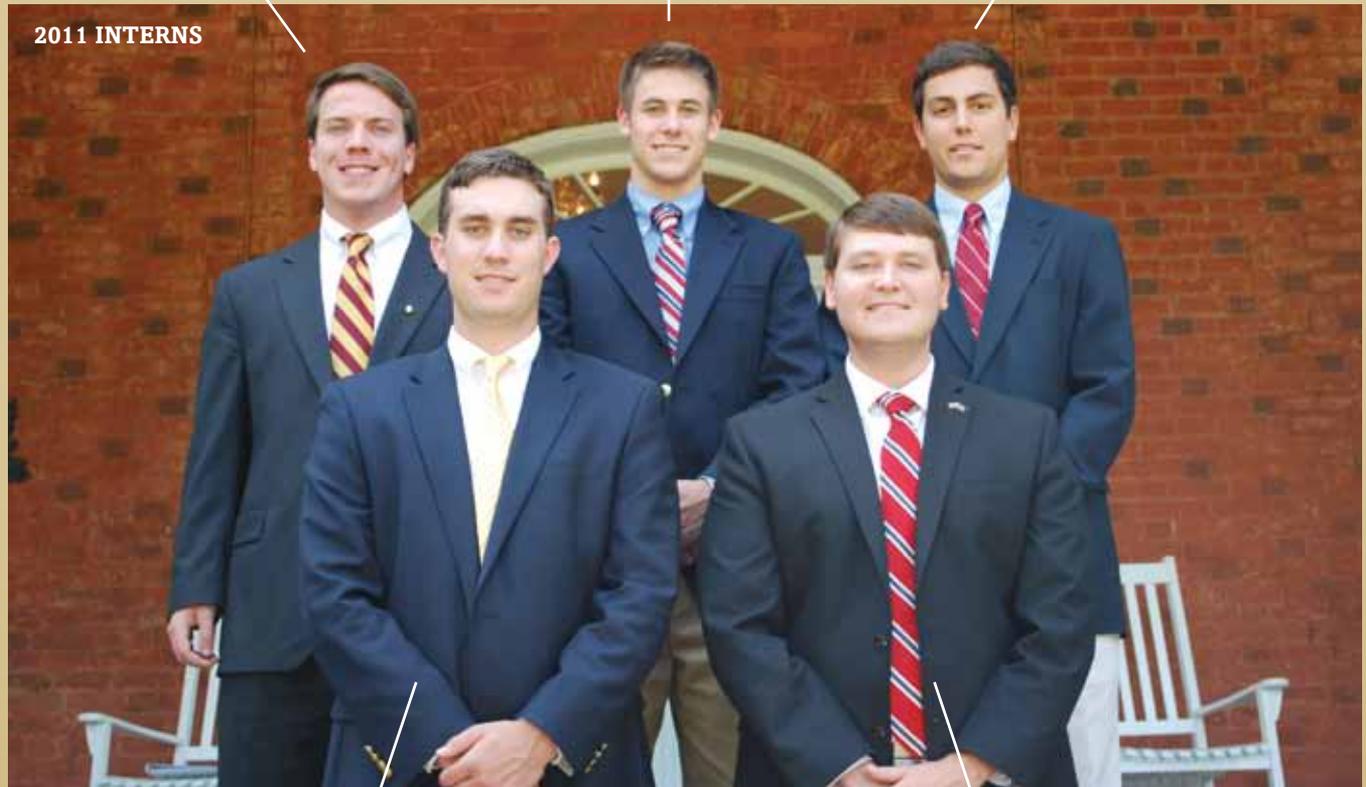
E. FLEMING MASON MEMORIAL INTERNSHIP

The E. Fleming Mason Memorial Internship Program continues to be a leading innovative program funded by the KAOEF. The selected brothers' travel to and from Washington, DC and their lodging while in the district, is completely paid by the KAOEF. For more information about the internship program please go to www.kappaalphaorder.org.

Paul D. Dollahite
 (Beta Eta – Oklahoma '10)

David T. Berry
 (Alpha Eta – Westminster '09)

Christopher C. Schatzman
 (Gamma – Georgia '08)



2011 INTERNS

Charles W. Humphreys
 (Nu – Auburn '08)

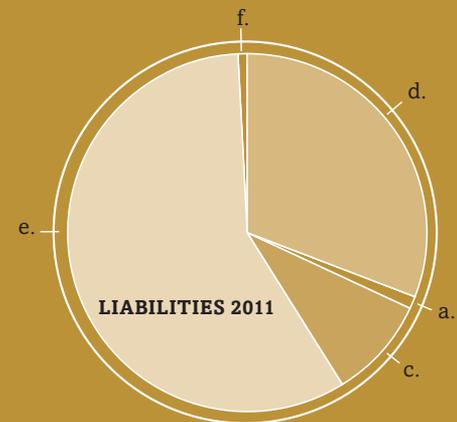
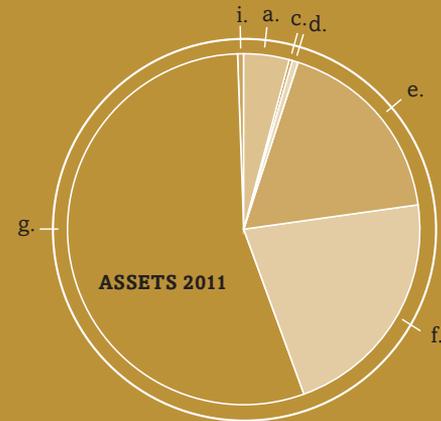
D. Brook Sebren
 (Gamma Nu – Louisiana-Monroe '09)

Financials

Condensed Statements of Financial Position

June 30, 2011 and 2010

ASSETS:	2011*	2010
a. Cash and Cash Equivalents	449,878	111,136
b. Investment Income Receivable	-	-
c. Prepaid Expenses	31,040	26,749
d. Receivable from Affiliates	69,468	16,264
e. Contributions Receivable	1,904,742	2,145,810
f. Land, Buildings, and Equipment	2,300,254	2,379,079
g. Long Term Investments	5,882,938	5,421,301
h. Assets Held in Trust	-	-
i. Other Assets	37,183	37,103
Total Assets	\$10,675,502	\$10,137,443
LIABILITIES:		
a. Accounts Payable	14,338	29,774
b. Notes Payable	-	-
c. Accrued Expenses	16,837	16,147
d. Annuity Obligation	132,828	142,861
e. Payable to Affiliates	847,116	456,202
f. Deferred Revenue	10,000	5,000
Total Liabilities	\$1,021,118	\$649,983
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted Net Assets	746,937	,355,206
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	2,861,857	2,200,553
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	6,045,589	5,931,701
Total Net Assets	\$9,654,384	\$9,487,459
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$10,675,502	\$10,137,443



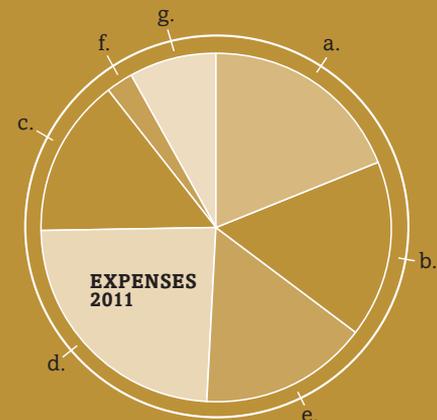
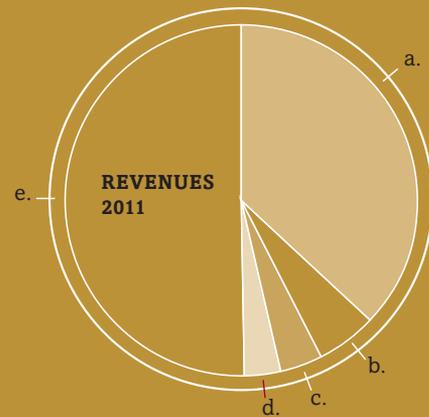
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Comprehensive annual audited financial statements are available on written request to the Executive Director at the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation.

Condensed Statements of Activities

For the years ending June 30, 2011 and 2010

UNRESTRICTED ACTIVITIES	2011*	2010
Revenues:		
a. Contributions	420,685	512,416
b. Investment Income	62,364	78,512
c. Rental Income	44,900	48,032
d. Other Income	37,639	-
e. Restrictions Released	567,350	882,105
Total Unrestricted Revenues	\$1,132,937	\$1,521,065
Expenses:		
a. Program Support Awarded	235,613	479,752
b. Salaries and Benefits	201,920	242,811
c. Occupancy Expenses	191,415	128,982
d. Fundraising Expenses	296,717	356,274
e. Administrative Expenses	180,159	120,637
f. Professional Services	30,822	16,784
g. Scholarships Awarded	98,740	67,750
Total Expenses	\$1,235,386	\$1,412,988
Operating Revenue Minus Expenses	(102,449)	108,077
Non-operating Income / (Expenses)	(447,473)	5,334
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$(549,922)	\$113,411
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES:		
Contributions	240,561	359,929
Investment Income	927,839	144,275
Restricted Released	(567,350)	(882,105)
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$60,105	\$(377,901)
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES:		
Contributions	86,518	41,543
Change in Value - Split Interest Agreement	1,910	39,828
Investment Gain / (Loss)	27,368	82,797
Change in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	\$115,797	\$164,168
Change in Net Assets	166,926	(100,321)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	9,487,459	9,587,781
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$9,654,385</u>	<u>\$9,487,460</u>



* unaudited

“One of the coolest things KA did, for the birth of my son David, I received a pledge pin from Lexington for my son.”

~ Cal Whitehead (Zeta – Randolph-Macon College '93)



Chapter Endowment Fund Accounts

Any existing member of the Loyal Order or anyone who gains their Loyal Order membership through Forever KA will establish and/or pay into an existing chapter endowment account for their preferred chapter.

In keeping with the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation's mission and obligations as a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, distributions made from each account must satisfy the Internal Revenue Service Code and may be used for educational purposes only. The return generated by the account will be used to benefit the local chapter and/or active members by providing distributions for purposes in accordance with IRS regulations.

Subject to change, distributions can be used for:

- Purchase of chapter computer equipment, software, and/or internet wiring for educational purposes.
- Residential educational advisor lodging/stipend.
- Establish educational areas in chapter facilities
- The educational percentage of national training travel expenses, and registration fees
- Scholarships (tuition payments) and academic expenses (books, fees, and equipment)

Established and Endowed as of 6/30/2011

Alpha Alpha - University of the South
Alpha Beta - University of Alabama
Alpha Eta - Westminster College
Alpha Gamma - Louisiana State University
Alpha Kappa - University of Missouri
Alpha Phi - Duke University
Alpha Sigma - Georgia Tech
Alpha Upsilon - University of Mississippi
Beta Alpha - Missouri University of Science and Technology
Beta Eta - University of Oklahoma
Beta Zeta - University of Florida
Delta Upsilon - University of Tennessee - Martin
Gamma Gamma - University of Memphis
Gamma Omega - Midwestern State University
(in the name of Larry F. Robb)
Mu - University of Tulsa
Upsilon - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Established as of 6/30/2011

Alpha Delta - William Jewel College
Beta Sigma - University of Southern California
Beta Tau - Mississippi State University
Beta Xi - Oklahoma State University
Delta Epsilon - Newberry College
Delta Kappa - Stephen F. Austin State University
Delta Lambda - Middle Tennessee State University
Delta Omicron - Clemson University
Epsilon Delta - Texas A&M University
Epsilon Lambda - Miami University
Epsilon Theta - Western Kentucky University
Gamma - University of Georgia
Gamma Alpha - Louisiana Tech University
Gamma Chi - Texas Tech University
Gamma Lambda - University of North Texas
Gamma Upsilon - Texas A&M University-Commerce
Kappa - Mercer University
Nu - Auburn University
Tau - Wake Forest University

Cumulative Giving

Chapters listed are initiation chapters
+ deceased LO = Loyal Order

\$1 Million and Above

Mr. Harry J. Breithaupt Jr., Beta Rho+
Mr. William E. Dreyer, Alpha Delta, LO# 12

\$500,000 to \$999,999

Mr. William H. Angle, Alpha Eta+
COL David M. Buie USA (Ret.), Beta Pi+
Mr. Edward P. Leslie Jr., Beta Xi+
Mr. William R. Williamson, Alpha Pi+

\$100,000 to \$499,999

Mr. R. Jack Alexander Jr., Alpha Sigma
Mr. Lawrence E. Ault, Delta Delta, LO# 167+
COL James C. Coleman Jr., Beta Delta+
Ruth A. Elder Estate, No Chapter Affil+
Mr. Bensley H. L. Field, Alpha Zeta, LO# 651
Alfred I. duPont Foundation
Mr. Andrew H. Heyward III, Gamma, LO# 16
Mr. Rock N. Houstoun, Xi, LO# 961
Mr. Hugh Howard III, Beta Eta+
Mr. Boone A. Knox, Gamma+
Mr. William L. M. Knox Jr., Gamma, LO# 2539
Mr. Wyckliffe A. Knox Jr., Gamma
Mr. Joseph C. McDowell Jr., Gamma Chi, LO# 516
Mr. S. Morgan Morton Jr., Gamma Gamma
Mr. James L. Ostner, Gamma Omicron
Mr. Thomas G. Paulson II, Alpha Xi, LO# 44
Mr. Vernon W. Piper, Beta Theta+
Mr. Vance E. Rule, Alpha Delta
Mr. Gerald W. Schlieff, Delta Kappa, LO# 1214
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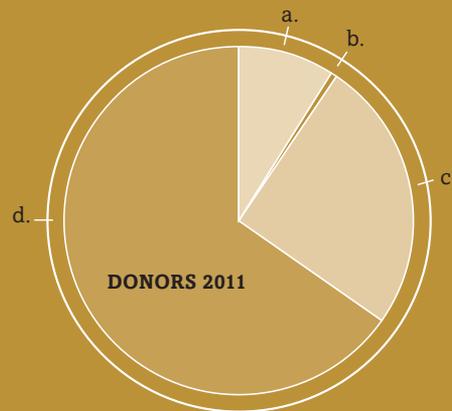
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b. Undergraduates	4,387.83	3,532
c. Staff / Volunteers	251,732.37	62
d. Alumni	646,339.57	1,728
Totals	\$993,278.63	5,606



“When my 18-month old daughter was diagnosed with cancer, KA brothers made sure her name was in prayer circles from coast to coast.”

~ Darron Franta (Gamma Tau – Sam Houston State '90)



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Georgia	Gamma	42 122,193.17	Vanderbilt	Chi	23 2,760.00	Rhodes	Alpha Epsilon	6 755.00
Southwestern	Xi	24 61,243.65	Middle Tennessee State	Delta Lambda	6 2,737.14	Arizona	Gamma Epsilon	8 676.00
Florida State	Gamma Eta	28 52,760.85	Mercer	Kappa	20 2,722.74	North Texas	Gamma Lambda	10 659.00
Stephen F. Austin Stae	Delta Kappa	9 51,892.37	Alabama	Alpha Beta	25 2,372.45	West Virginia	Alpha Rho	8 635.00
North Carolina	Upsilon	16 35,122.65	Virginia	Lambda	9 2,350.00	Rollins	Alpha Psi	6 585.00
Delaware	Beta Epsilon	32 34,519.89	Randolph-Macon	Zeta	12 2,330.00	West Texas A&M	Gamma Sigma	6 585.00
VMI	Beta Commission	98 29,166.11	Tennessee	Pi	17 2,215.30	Georgia Southern	Delta Theta	8 577.50
North Carolina State	Alpha Omega	23 28,977.63	Tulane	Psi	18 2,131.00	Jacksonville State	Delta Phi	2 550.00
Clemson	Delta Omicron	14 24,916.58	Presbyterian	Beta Pi	21 2,085.15	East Tennessee State	Delta Delta	6 500.00
Transylvania	Alpha Theta	15 24,754.78	Eastern Kentucky	Delta Mu	8 2,082.65	Purdue	Epsilon Rho	3 474.00
Southern California	Beta Sigma	30 22,670.15	Missouri State	Gamma Beta	11 2,060.00	Baylor	Delta Omega	5 427.30
Emory	Epsilon	43 20,115.38	Tulsa	Mu	19 1,999.60	South Alabama	Epsilon Alpha	3 425.00
William Jewell	Alpha Delta	16 19,253.47	Centenary	Alpha Iota	19 1,993.25	McNeese State	Delta Xi	6 408.54
Texas	Omicron	32 19,252.30	Western Kentucky	Epsilon Theta	11 1,938.83	Arkansas	Alpha Omicron	3 400.00
Missouri	Alpha Kappa	29 16,139.42	Louisiana-Lafayette	Gamma Phi	13 1,795.00	The Citadel	Theta Commission	6 393.00
Southern Methodist	Beta Lambda	21 16,121.90	Washington Coll.	Beta Omega	14 1,775.95	George Washington	Alpha Nu	3 375.00
Valdosta State	Delta Rho	16 15,940.95	Texas A&M-Commerce	Gamma Upsilon	8 1,744.28	Murray State	Delta Nu	5 375.00
Wake Forest	Tau	28 14,115.05	Louisiana-Monroe	Gamma Nu	20 1,716.15	Lambuth	Gamma Omicron	3 375.00
Westminster	Alpha Eta	25 13,169.67	Kentucky	Theta	16 1,665.00	Tennessee-Martin	Delta Upsilon	5 339.60
Auburn	Nu	19 11,919.55	Hampden-Sydney	Alpha Tau	14 1,567.30	Charleston	Beta Gamma	5 300.00
Francis Marion	Delta Tau	5 11,813.25	Newberry	Delta Epsilon	7 1,548.09	Drury	Beta Iota	5 275.00
Louisiana State	Alpha Gamma	18 9,085.00	Oklahoma State	Beta Xi	16 1,539.51	Univ. of Miami	Gamma Theta	5 263.65
Mississippi State	Beta Tau	21 8,868.23	Southeastern Louisiana	Epsilon Kappa	3 1,430.00	Georgetown	Beta Delta	6 228.65
Wofford	Delta	18 8,768.65	Marshall	Beta Upsilon	14 1,413.65	San Jose State	Gamma Delta	3 225.00
Midwestern State	Gamma Omega	14 8,486.96	Miami Univ.	Epsilon Lambda	6 1,408.65	Wingate	Zeta Zeta	3 218.65
Georgia Tech	Alpha Sigma	46 7,653.95	Washington	Zeta Mu	7 1,400.00	New Mexico	Beta Phi	3 150.00
Furman	Iota	21 7,633.30	Louisville	Beta Omicron	5 1,350.00	Virginia Wesleyan	Epsilon Omicron	1 150.00
Florida	Beta Zeta	46 7,499.60	Appalachian State	Delta Psi	8 1,333.65	Elon	Epsilon Mu	3 145.00
Mississippi	Alpha Upsilon	23 7,389.43	Western Carolina	Delta Alpha	14 1,317.70	Penn State	Zeta Eta	2 125.00
Louisiana Tech	Gamma Alpha	18 7,345.02	Oklahoma City	Gamma Kappa	11 1,293.65	George Coll.	Epsilon Nu	2 118.65
Missouri Southern State	Delta Pi	8 6,772.85	Duke	Alpha Phi	21 1,284.60	Nicholls State	Epsilon Beta	2 107.30
California	Alpha Xi	15 6,763.65	Southern Mississippi	Gamma Zeta	10 1,250.00	Bowling Green State	Zeta Lambda	1 100.00
Washington & Lee	Alpha	14 6,282.00	San Diego State	Gamma Iota	4 1,235.00	James Madison	Zeta Theta	1 55.00
Maryland	Beta Kappa	18 6,168.65	Roanoke	Beta Rho	12 1,208.65	Florida Gulf Coast	Zeta Pi	2 35.00
Johns Hopkins	Alpha Lambda	6 5,600.00	Northern Arizona	Epsilon Tau	4 1,205.00	North Carolina-Wilmington	Epsilon Psi	1 32.00
Texas Tech	Gamma Chi	18 5,574.01	Bethany	Beta Beta	5 1,190.00	California-Davis	Epsilon Gamma	1 25.00
Univ. of South	Alpha Alpha	16 5,045.00	Texas State	Epsilon Iota	3 1,150.00	Arkansas Tech	Epsilon Zeta	1 25.00
South Carolina	Rho	40 5,035.60	Oklahoma	Beta Eta	17 1,082.30	California-Riverside	Epsilon Epsilon	1 20.00
Houston Baptist	Delta Sigma	5 4,683.07	Arizona State	Epsilon Omega	2 1,050.00	Lamar	Gamma Xi	1 20.00
Delta State	Delta Beta	8 4,548.65	William & Mary	Alpha Zeta	14 1,018.65	Goldey-Beacom	Zeta Gamma	1 18.65
Stanford	Alpha Pi	15 4,378.65	Old Dominion	Delta Gamma	9 1,000.00	Indiana State	Zeta Iota	1 9.67
Texas-Arlington	Delta Iota	11 4,373.65	Arkansas State	Delta Eta	11 975.00	West Florida	Epsilon Sigma	1 5.00
Northwestern State	Gamma Psi	11 4,369.53	Washington Univ.	Beta Theta	10 960.00			
West Virginia Wesleyan	Beta Chi	14 4,258.53	George Mason	Epsilon Phi	3 920.00	Provisional Chapters		
Memphis	Gamma Gamma	20 3,683.09	Texas A&M	Epsilon Delta	10 882.30	Houston	Gamma Mu	3 125.00
Virginia Tech	Epsilon Eta	5 3,600.00	North Carolina-Charlotte	Epsilon Xi	2 861.50	Tennessee-Chattanooga	TBD	1 30.00
Richmond	Eta	18 3,464.50	East Carolina	Gamma Rho	12 858.65			
Millsaps	Alpha Mu	18 3,405.00	Birmingham-Southern	Phi	8 855.95	TOTAL	2,147 donors	\$995,132.63
Missouri S&T	Beta Alpha	26 3,056.30	Davidson	Sigma	10 830.50			
Sam Houston State	Gamma Tau	6 2,818.65	Florida Southern	Gamma Pi	7 765.00			

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Auburn

Nu
Dr. Thomas David Howle, 1975, 05/08/2011
William Yancey Jernigan IV, 1987, 07/20/2011

Alabama

Alpha Beta
Marion Hester Cooper Jr., 1947, 02/11/2011
Samuel F. Crook Jr., 1966, 06/09/2011
Dr. William Dittmer Jordan, 1941, 04/03/2011
Walter S. Wilson, 1940, 10/21/2010

Bethany

Beta Beta
Robert C. Schoof, 1950, 09/16/2010

Birmingham-Southern

Phi
Walter Gene Crafton, 1951, 12/21/2010
Dr. William W. Moore Jr., 1939, 03/29/2010

California-Berkeley

Alpha Xi
Carl D. Rofolf, 1950, 02/27/2011

California-Los Angeles

Beta Psi
Travis K. Fetterolf, 1959, 10/03/2008

Centenary

Alpha Iota
Jay Allen Greenleaf, 1981, 06/07/2011

Clemson

Delta Omicron
Conrad Wayne Crews Jr., 1984, 08/14/2011

William & Mary

Alpha Zeta
Lawrence Edward Young Jr., 1955, 09/03/2010

Delaware

Beta Epsilon
Adam Brady Dennis, 1992, 04/04/2011
Richard Goodrich Harris, 1958, 07/19/1997
COL George Leslie Timme, Jr., 1937, 09/01/2004
Carl D. Wright Jr., 1941, 11/13/2010

Duke

Alpha Phi
Zeno L. Edwards Jr., 1944, 08/20/2011
Samuel Albert Garland, 1946, 05/24/2011

Emory

Epsilon
Gary Bryant Vickers, 1964, 05/17/2010

Florida State

Gamma Eta
Thomas E. Perkins III, 1951, 08/10/2011

Florida

Beta Zeta
LTC Julius M. Koon, 1948, 06/07/2011
William H. Parham Jr., 1979, 08/03/2010

Georgia Tech

Alpha Sigma

Charles Leonard Cook, 1955, 02/12/2011

Hampden-Sydney

Alpha Tau
William C. Gibson Jr., 1938, 08/04/2011

Kentucky

Theta
Paul Merriman Smith, 1947, 02/02/2011
Nelson Woolcott Jr., 1941, 01/15/2011

Louisiana Tech

Gamma Alpha
William C. Womack, 1951, 03/21/2010

Louisiana-Lafayette

Gamma Phi
Reginald Abel Lirette Jr., 1960, 08/01/2011

Louisville

Beta Omicron
Dr. John Bright Tepe, 1938, 07/26/2011

Marshall

Beta Upsilon
William A. Trowbridge, 1947, 12/07/2001

Memphis

Gamma Gamma
Charles Lee Perkins, 1966, 06/18/2011

Mercer

Kappa
Adrian Wallace Odum Jr., 1952, 05/31/2011

Mississippi State

Beta Tau
Hunter Woods Henry Jr., 1947, 06/04/2011
William B. P'Pool, 1941, 07/07/2011
Walter H. Stephens, 1960, 03/18/2011

Mississippi

Alpha Upsilon
Mayor Thomas Newell Turner Jr., 1957, 06/24/2011

Missouri Southern State

Delta Pi
Buddy E. Fillpot Jr., 1999, 09/10/2004

Missouri State

Gamma Beta
Drummond Clinton Rucker Jr., 1948, 07/10/2011
Jerry R. Whitlock, 1959, 08/22/2008

Missouri S&T

Beta Alpha
Kenneth Dale Baxter, 1957, 12/26/2010
Richard Joe Kasten, 1963, 01/27/2010

Missouri

Alpha Kappa
Colby Allan Child, 1948, 08/21/2011
Johnne Foster Jones, 1953, 04/03/2011

Newberry

Delta Epsilon
James Douglas Seigler, 1970, 05/04/2011

New Mexico

Beta Phi
Louis Lee Young, 1958, 06/03/2007

North Carolina State

Alpha Omega

Timothy M. Perry, 1978, 05/13/2011
Haywood Clark Smith, 1935, 08/12/2011

North Carolina

Upsilon
John Curtis Bagg Jr., 1945, 06/01/2005
Peter Meador Ebersole, 1948, 02/27/2011

Northwestern State

Gamma Psi
William A. Gibson II, 1974, 03/17/2011
Allen H. Plummer Jr., 1964, 06/26/2011
Mike B. Toney, 1963, 04/01/2010

Oklahoma State

Beta Xi
Donald C. Kizziar, 1955, 04/03/2011

Oklahoma

Beta Eta
Richard Emloe Vernor, 1938, 07/07/2011

Purdue

Epsilon Rho
Karl Raymond Muntz, 1996, 09/02/2011

Randolph-Macon

Zeta,
Dr. Bruce Vaughan English, 1939, 01/15/2008

Richmond

Eta
Charles D. Mattox Jr., 1946, 05/13/2011

Roanoke

Beta Rho
James P. Taney, 1937, 02/07/2011

Rollins

Alpha Psi
Robert H. Humphreys, 1946, 04/23/2002
Alden C. Manchester, 1940, 01/12/2010

Southern Methodist

Beta Lambda
Leo Francis Corrigan Jr., 1946, 06/03/2011

Southern California

Beta Sigma,
Frederick A. Beliveau, 1952, 07/21/2011
Julius Nicholas Pearl, 1994, 07/23/2011
Ford Franklin Petty, 1936, 08/08/2011

Southern Mississippi

Gamma Zeta
COL Henry L. Conn, 1951, 07/14/2011
Lance Christopher Logan, 2009, 07/14/2011

Stephen F. Austin State

Delta Kappa
Phillip Wesley Black, 1973, 11/06/2010

Tennessee

Pi
William Taylor Beckler, 1942, 05/24/2010
The Honorable Charles H. Bozeman, 1938, 07/10/2011
William Edgar Mathews III, 1990, 07/03/2011

Joseph Terry McGowan, 1980, 08/22/2011
James Edwin Roach, 1975, 07/29/2011

Texas A&M

Epsilon Delta
Jonathan Scott Prosch, 1982, 05/01/2011

Texas

Omicron
Hunter Edmund Pickens, 1944, 06/19/2011

Transylvania

Alpha Theta
Charles Roger Webster, 1967, 07/26/2011
Eugene Francis Wright, 1937, 11/25/2009

Tulsa

Mu
Robert B. Dean, 1946, 01/06/2009
Edward Harbison Short III, 1948, 07/02/2010

Vanderbilt

Chi
McCoy Clempson Campbell III, 1937, 02/26/2011

Virginia Military Institute

Beta Commission
Bruce Bowden, 1949, 08/24/2010
Gerald Earnest Smallwood, 1950, 03/22/2011

Wake Forest

Tau
John William Drake Jr., 1942, 07/25/2011
William J. Patton, 1940, 01/01/2011

Washington Coll.

Beta Omega
John J. Feeley Jr., 1948, 03/18/2003
Richard A. Russell, 1949, 03/10/2010

West Virginia

Alpha Rho
Ernest Lee Arbuckle, 1947, 05/13/2008
Dr. Ralph King Brooks, 1936, 07/01/2011

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Charles Raymond Morgan Jr., 1937, 08/13/2005

William Jewell

Alpha Delta
James Edwin Leatherman, 1945, 04/14/2011
Dr. Curtis "Bud" H. McKinney, 1941, 07/30/2011

At the time of publication, the Order had just learned of the loss of three members-awaiting-initiation at Alpha Upsilon chapter, in a tragic car wreck. Please see www.kappaalphainstitution.org and the 2012 Winter Issue for more information. The Order's thoughts and prayers continue to be with the members, family, and friends.

Former Knight Commander no stranger to adversity

Candler lost his feet, but not his will to fight

by Jesse Lyons (Delta Alpha – Western Carolina '98) & E. Kent McMichael

John Slaughter Candler was born in Carroll County, Ga., on October 22, 1861, the youngest child of eleven. He entered Emory College in 1877, as a sophomore and was initiated into the Order, by Epsilon Chapter, on September 16 of that year. Upon graduating in 1880, he taught school and read law until he was admitted to the bar in 1882. In November of that year, he was commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel in the "Georgia State troops."

On the night of March 13, 1883, he was seriously injured in a railroad accident, losing both of his feet and receiving other serious injuries. He came out of the

Upon declaration of war by the United States in 1914, he reported to the Secretary of War for duty. This comes 21 years after his accident, at 53 years old, and as a retired officer in his state. Nevertheless, he served in connection with the organization of the Army and through hospital work until the close of the war.

In Kappa Alpha, the Knight Commander Graves appointed him Grand Historian on July 27, 1881. He held this office until October 1881, when he automatically acceded to Knight Commander. He was re-elected at the 12th Convention in 1883, just months



John Slaughter Candler (Epsilon – Emory 1887), Knight Commander 1881-1885. He is the namesake for the province that includes the Active & Alumni Chapters in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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trouble within six months and returned to his law practice on September 13, 1883. He did not stop there.

In the summer of 1884 he became Judge Advocate General of the State, with the rank of Colonel of Cavalry. This made him the ranking military officer in the State of Georgia. On March 4, 1901, he retired from military service with the rank of Colonel of Infantry.

In 1886, he was appointed Solicitor General of the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit; in 1896, he was appointed Judge of the Superior Courts of the same circuit. He presided until 1902, when he was elected Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia. In 1906 he resigned and returned to private practice for the remainder of his career.

after his railroad accident, and finished his term in 1885.

After the accident that took both his feet and caused other injuries; after all his successes in military and law, he still had a zeal for life. He continued volunteering with the Order, even presiding over the 34th Convention in 1927.

Former Knight Commander Candler passed away on December 9, 1941. If not for his death, Brother Candler might have been at his local draft office the day preceding, signing up for his country again. 🇺🇸

Amended from William Sprigg Hamilton's (Alpha – Washington & Lee 1886) Knight Commander's History entry on John Slaughter Candler.

A LASTING LEGACY

Almost a century passed before brotherhood caught up.

by Jesse Lyons (Delta Alpha – Western Carolina '98)



If you had an attic as a child, you always wished to find treasure there. What you likely turned up was boxes of grandpa's old clothes, mothballs, and maybe an old family reel-to-reel a la "Christmas Vacation."

In March of this year, Baxter Craven (Epsilon Xi – North Carolina-Charlotte '10), who is currently active in his chapter, was rummaging through his grandfather's attic. What he found was a little dose of treasure to share with his brothers and the Order.

He was surprised to find, in decent condition, a photo of what looked like fraternity brothers at Richmond College taken in 1916. Stored away with the photo and frame was also a 1916 yearbook called *The Spider*, which included the same picture. The young men were members of Kappa Alpha Order, from the Eta Chapter. Richmond College was founded in 1840 and moved to its present location, opened a college for women, and became the University of Richmond in 1914.

Upon further inspection, Baxter saw a family face from his family. The Kappa Alpha brother fourth from the right on the second row? Murray Baxter Craven (Eta – Richmond 1915), Baxter's great-grandfather and namesake.

This article may seem to be suited for "From the Archives." But the lesson here is more important. We must recognize that due to many factors, legacy sometimes skips a few years. Sometimes, legacy might skip a few generations. But our KA legacy, even over time, can be just as strong to snag another member of a family almost 100 years later. 🇺🇸

Are you related to any of the men listed in the sidebar and composite? If so, email us at jlyons@ka-order.org. Further, if you find articles of interest for the Order's archives, contact us through the online form at www.kappaalphaorder.com/connect.

The entry for Kappa Alpha Order in *The Spider*

Kappa Alpha

Founded at Washington and Lee University December 21, 1865

Eta Chapter established at Richmond College in 1870

Colors: Crimson and Gold Flowers: Magnolia and Red Rose

Publication: Kappa Alpha Journal

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CM Chicester, AB, LL, B

HB Handy, MA

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ES Bronson

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VS Lawrence, Jr

TR Miller

JB Patton, Jr

MU Pitt

EL Roden, Jr

MT Spicer, Jr

HS Vanlandingham

JW Wills



REMEMBERING LARRY ROBB

Longest serving Alumnus Advisor was always an example of strength

by Larry Stanton Wiese (Gamma Omega – Midwestern State '87)

Larry Feller Robb died on March 31, 2011. He touched the lives of many, including my own. Larry was the fourth KA I met, 25 years ago this fall, as a freshman at Midwestern State University (MSU) in Wichita Falls, Texas. Larry's nephew, Robb, was also in the room that evening and would end up a pledge brother of mine. I was impressed that a man of Larry's age and stature would take the time to speak to a group of potential new members.

Larry pledged Beta Iota at Drury, but he transferred to MSU before initiation. The Order arranged for him to be a special initiate of Gamma Lambda chapter at, then, North Texas State in 1963. Larry led the installation of Gamma Omega on March 6, 1964. He served as alumnus advisor for more than 40 years, the longest in the Order's history.

In 1990 he was inducted into the Mikell Court of Honor, eventually serving as its Preceptor. In 1999, Larry was recognized with the Knight Commander's Accolade. He joined the board of the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation (KAOEF) and was active at the time of his passing. He was subsequently made a life trustee in honor of his generous service.

Anyone who knew Larry also knows Gretta, his softer side and his wife for more than 53 years. Where Larry could be tough and crusty, Gretta was always warm and gentle. They had two sons, Eric and Mark (Gamma Omega-Midwestern State '79) who passed away in an oil field accident in 1986. Eric assisted his father, who was also a successful investment broker, on the investment committees for both the Order and KAOEF.

What I will always remember about Larry is that he was both tough and fair. He had high standards and it was unfathomable that others couldn't meet them or at least try. He was intimidating but approachable, and he was never intimidated by anything. To Larry, insurmountable odds were just a mere inconvenience. He always loved to say, "jet pilots don't have rear-view mirrors."

He loved KA traditions and was a stickler with the chapter learning to sing the old KA songs. He had a lovely voice and sang in multiple iterations of the KA Chorus at Conventions. A favorite ballad was Son of an Old KA, written in 1913. As that song goes, Larry won all the honors for the glory of KA. My continued sympathies go out to Gretta and Eric, Robb and the rest of Larry's extended family. I miss my mentor and friend. KA mourns the loss of one her great sons. 🍷🍷



Above: Jet Pilots Don't Have Rear-View Mirrors: Larry and Gretta Robb at the 73rd Convention (2009), Washington, DC.

**A freshman came to college,
his hair was full of hay.
His clothes were a mess, his pants
weren't pressed, he was an awful jay.
He couldn't throw the pig skin,
he couldn't wield a bat,
But the KAs got together and
took him into the frat.
The combed the hayseed from his hair,
they had his garments pressed.
He was a great self-centered man,
you never would have guessed.
He won the college honors
for the glory of KA,
And he'll be, without a single doubt,
our president someday.**

~ The verse often recounted by Brother Robb



Thomas Beasley #2665 & Matt Beasley #2663

In May 2011, the Order established the Sigma Alpha Commission to initiate graduates of the United States Military Academy.

Earlier that year, Matt Beasley (Upsilon – North Carolina '97) nominated his father to be a founding member. Thomas Beasley, a 1966 graduate, was initiated on May 16th and became his son's fraternity brother. This fall, they both joined the Loyal Order to stay connected to Kappa Alpha and receive *The Kappa Alpha Journal* for life.



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