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LAMBDA GAMMA CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Alumni Association Newsletter May 27, 2022

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

At the 4/26 Alumni Association zoom meeting, Fraters Foster and Billian were re-elected to President and Treasurer, respectively. The offices of Vice-president and Secretary are vacant.

- The duties of the VP are act as president in absence of president and organize alumni association social activities in coordination with the active chapter.
- The duties of the Secretary are coordinate updates to alumni roster with chapter Histor and TKE offices, handle alumni association social media (such as Facebook), coordinate monthly alumni association zoom meetings, and prepare meeting minutes for same.

If you are interested in VP or Secretary, and/or have questions, please contact Frater Bill Foster, 812-528-4061 or bill.cpatax@gmail.com. You do not need to live in the greater Cincinnati area.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENT TKE GRADUATES

Recently, five TEKEs graduated from UC:

Andrew Deckman (468), BS in Secondary Education and is searching for a high school teaching position. Upon finding a teaching position for next school year, he plans to take a celebration vacation to Myrtle Beach, SC.

Nick Goss (465), Bachelor degree in Media Production. During spring semester he worked as cameraman and replay operator for UC Athletics, and he plans to stay in Cincy until fall semester as he continues to work for UC Athletics and applies to production companies.

Steve Hery (467), Technically Frater Hery has graduated with his undergraduate degree, however, he is in a special program where he will receive his BS and MS degrees in Civil/Structural engineering at the same time. While in graduate school he will continue to be an “active” with the chapter, an option that current fraters have with TKE offices. He works at THP Limited as a structural engineer.

Aaron Klaus (447), BS in IT. Currently employed as software engineer at The Kroger Co. here in Cincy, and plans to work on his master’s degree in IT.

Evan Naylor (454), BS in Business Administration/Finance and BS in Business Administration/Information Systems. Frater Naylor is currently in Great Britain finishing a foreign studies opportunity and plans to return in late June, 2022. He will be working for KPMG in Cincy after his return.

FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION

A 18 active and alumni fraters plus guests gathered at Mecklenbergs on May 14 to celebrate the 55th founding of the TKE Lambda Gamma Chapter at UC. Pictured left to right are fraters Deckman, Vallenas, Aguilar, Klaus, Thieves, Turner, Imfeld, Sander, Rossmann, Lindenschmidt, Schulte, Billian, Evans, & Coyle. Frater Thieves had lowest scroll, 32, while Frater Billian (141) had farthest travel, Kalamazoo, MI.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT **– DOUBLE YOUR DONATION**

As reported in the last 2 alumni newsletters, the Board of Trustees and your Alumni Association have approved a scholarship program as a permanent item, to the extent of available donations for funding. This scholarship program consists of two parts:

- First, two scholarships will be awarded to two active members from the TKE Foundation, Lambda Gamma Chapter scholarship fund, one each for fall and spring semesters. This school year \$250 will be awarded after each fall & spring semesters.
- Second, for new members, scholarships will be awarded from the local Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, funded by non-tax deductible contributions. Our goal is to award \$200 for a GPA of 3.0 or greater and \$300 for a GPA of 3.5 or greater in the semester in which the new member pledged; for reference, the all men's GPA is about 3.23

As earlier reported, a group of 12 alumni who, collectively, have pledged to match dollar for dollar up to \$2,000 contributed by other alumni, therefore, you can double the impact of your contribution.

Our goal is to raise \$4,000 in order to fully fund scholarships for 2022 spring and 2022 fall semesters. As of 5/25/2022, we have received \$360 in contributions, meaning we have raised only \$720 toward our goal of \$4,000. Please consider donating today to double your contribution and help us fully fund the scholarships for future Tekes.

There are two ways to make this non-tax deductible contribution: check or PayPal. We urge alumni to pay by check since PayPal charges a 5% handling fee; **please make check out to “TKE Alumni Association”, write “scholarship” on memo line, and mail to:**

TKE Alumni Association
c/o Randy Billian,
202 East Indiana Ave
Maumee, OH 43537.

If you desire to pay online using Pay Pal, you need to use the below QR code.



If you have questions concerning online payments, please contact Frater Billian directly at Randal.Billian@dana.com.

We know that the USPS mail is now slower than molasses, so you can inform Frater Billian that your check has been mailed if you have concerns.

If you have questions about the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, please contact Frater Steve Schulte (120) at 513 473 4137 or srschult@iac.net .

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION BONUS – USED 96 GAL TRASH CART

Recently, the city of Cincinnati decided that fraternities and sororities are not residences but businesses, and, as such, we must contract with a private waste company. Despite paying around \$5,600 per year in taxes, the Board of Trustees has contracted with Rumpke at a cost of over \$1,300 per year. Since they provide the trash carts, we have 3 used 96 gal trash carts available. With a donation to the local scholarship fund of \$75 or more and the willingness and ability to pick up the trash cart, the 3 carts are available on a first come, first served basis. Contact Frater Billian, alumni association treasurer, when making contribution so he can pass your info along to the House Mgr, Frater Steve Tyranski (455), to arrange pick up.

YOUR CHAPTER’S BOARD OF TRUSTEES LOOKING FOR ALUMNI

The current Board of Trustees consists of 5 alumni members plus chapter Prytanis and Crysophylos: 2 Lambda Gamma alumni – Steve Schulte (120), and Paul Lindenschmidt, President (138). The other 3 alumni are Jack Bredenfoerder, Chapter Advisor (Zeta Gamma, Bowling Green State U, OH), Matthew Burgess, Treasurer (Omega, Albion College, MI), and Andy Curran, Secretary (Alpha Beta, Ohio University). 3 of the 6 board members are retired, so we have “old fraters” covered.

We are looking to add several board members of a less “senior” status, ideally those from the graduating classes between 1985 and 2015. We have one qualification – a strong desire to create and sustain a great TKE Lambda Gamma fraternity experience for today and tomorrow. We currently meet monthly, typically on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, except December with no meeting. We meet not only in person at the TKE house but also virtually.

Interested in learning more? Contact Frater Lindenschmidt at 513-398-2997 or plindenschmidt@cinci.rr.com

YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Want to chat with your fellow alumni? You can do so by searching on Facebook “tke lambda-gamma alumni” or go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/190204541320809> .

WE ARE LOOKING FOR THESE “LOST” ALUMNI:

We have no good contact information for the following fraters:

Jeff Barsness (34)
Kyle Beanland (378)
Mike Bigler (132)
Adam Broady (408)

Joseph Brodar (419)
Jamie Broughton (317)
Mattis Brumbach (395)
Jimmy Chess (193)

Ronald Chin (411)
Don Copher (140)
Brian Dick (171)
J. Patrick Eberly (181)
Tom Groll (223)
Mark Hardin (358)
David Harding (154)
Patrick Hayes (43)
Samuel Heller (389)
Guillermo Hernandez (157)
Greg Hutzel (375)
Brett Ishida (155)
Christopher Kasson (383)
Nick Kerul (322)
David Kutzko (82)
Robert Lee (353)
Greg Lehman (410)
Adam T. Litke (296)
Theron Makley (197)
Eric Nofziger (285)

David Gardner (195)
Randall Good (267)
Chris Gribben (344)

Philip Ouellette (374)
Dylan Patel (428)
Frank Patterson (53)
Todd Patterson (389)
J. Gray Petterson (321)
Timothy Ratterman (412)
Andy Reehorst (189)
Andy Reynolds (347)
Charles Staley (9)
Richard Stubblefield (301)
Taylor Steven Van Winkle (431)
Martin Walker (227)
Geoffrey Weissenberger (323)
Rob Wells (300)
Matt Wilker (426)

If you have any contact information for these fraters, please inform Alumni President, Frater Bill Foster , 812-528-4061 , bill.cpatax@gmail.com .

MONTHLY ALUMNI “ZOOM” MEETING INVITES YOU

If you desire to be involved with the activities of your alumni association, your alumni officers and interested alumni have a monthly “zoom” meeting, currently on the last Tuesday of the month at 9pm (subject to change) – next is Tuesday, 5/31.

Interested? Contact Frater Bill Foster, 812-528-4061, bill.cpatax@gmail.com so that you can be added to the meeting notification list.

YITB,

Nicolas Vallenias

Chapter Histor

ALUMNI OFFICERS

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