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**LAMBDA GAMMA CHAPTER
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI**

Alumni Association Newsletter June 25, 2022

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

At the 4/26/2022 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.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

The annual Active/Alumni House Pride Session is scheduled for Sunday, Aug 7, 1 – 4pm. If interested in helping the chapter get house ready for fall semester, as well as teaching house maintenance skills, contact Frater Steve Tyranski (455), House Manager, 513-646-8510, tyranssa@mail.uc.edu .

UC Homecoming – mark your calendars for October 8, 2022. Details to come.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISING IN FINAL STRETCH – DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

As reported in the last 3 alumni newsletters, the Board of Trustees and your Alumni Association have approved a scholarship program as a permanent item, to the extent of available alumni 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 newly initiated 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 and the new member and initiation fees total about \$300.

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 your Alumni Assoc scholarships for 2022 spring and 2022 fall semesters. As of 6/19/2022, we have received \$715 in contributions, meaning we have raised only \$1,430 toward our goal of \$4,000. Please consider donating today to double your contribution and help us fully fund the scholarships for future Tekes. This is our last request for donations.

For 2022 spring semester, Frater Cole Jorgensen (477) will be receiving \$250 scholarship from the TKE Foundation with a 3.9 gpa, and newly initiated Fraters Beck Harnett (482) and Caleb Loayza Jimenez (483) qualify for your Alumni Association scholarships with gpa's of 3.16 and 3.67, respectively.

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 .

If you have concerns with the delivery of your donation via the USPS, please let Frater Billian know, and he will send a confirmation notice that it has been received.

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. 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 Alumni Association 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 Frater Steve Tyranski (455), House Manager, 513-646-8510, tyranssa@mail.uc.edu to arrange pick up.

LAMBDA GAMMA CHAPTER UPDATE

As the past spring semester came to an end, our chapter was able to complete almost all of our goals we had set out to achieve for the year finishing at 101.75% KRA (Key Result Area) completion. The chapter finished off number 1 in IFC academics with a 3.411 GPA. On top of completing the philanthropy dollars goal this past fall, we were able to complete our St. Jude dollars goal of \$2,800 by raising a total of \$3,214 for St. Jude. We also finished the year with adding 9 new members into our chapter, just falling short of our goal of 12. Unfortunately, mainly due to finances, we saw 3 members demit from the chapter, and with 4 graduating members, our chapter membership will start at 19 members this upcoming year. We have taken many positive steps forward and are still looking to continue to have even better recruitments!

With the chapter off the probation from the spring, we plan on having a strong start to the upcoming academic year as we continue to plan throughout the rest of the summer!

YITB,

Mark Turner (461), Prytanis

TEKE HOUSE PRIDE

The Board of Trustees and Chapter continue to make major repairs (the house will be 100 years old in 2025) and upgrades. Recently, the following are significant or interesting activities:

- Reinforcing and refinishing of bar top by Frater Paul Lindenschmidt (138),
- Installation of chain link fence with locked gate between Teke house and apt building and by chapter room by Eads Fencing,
- Two security cameras installed in rear area,

- New kitchen refrigerator,
- Twice, plumber called to clear drains,
- Solar powered flood light with motion sensor installed between Teke house & apt building,
- Installed dehumidifier in basement, and
- Pay for cleaning service to clean all 3 bathrooms between semesters.

At the June, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved the purchase and installation of two vertical evergreen bushes in front of the front porch, one on each side. We plan to have these planted by a garden center in September.

Also, the chapter is in need of a small, hand held vacuum cleaner with beater bar to make carpeted steps much easier to clean. If you have one to donate, contact Frater Steve Tyranski (455), House Manager, 513-646-8510, tyranssa@mail.uc.edu .

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 2016. 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. Recent meetings have lasted less than 1 hour.

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> .

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, 6/28.

Interested? Contact Frater Bill Foster (173), 812-528-4061, bill.cpatax@gmail.com so that you can be added to the meeting notification list.

ALUMNI & ACTIVE OFFICERS & APPOINTEES

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