



# TAU KAPPA EPSILON

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**LAMBDA GAMMA CHAPTER  
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI**

**Alumni Association Newsletter Sept. 18, 2022**

## **UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS**

**UC Homecoming** – mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 8, 2022**. The chapter will be working with Lambda Chi Alpha and possibly a 3<sup>rd</sup> organization to enter the homecoming parade. Also, the chapter and your Alumni Association are planning an open house and cook out, however, since the homecoming parade will be 4 hours before the football game against the University of Southern Florida Bulls, and the football game's time has not yet been announced, our schedule is uncertain at this time. If recent years are any indication, the football game time could be announced one week before game. See future email announcements for details. If you have any questions, you can contact your Alumni Assoc VP, Frater Evan Naylor (454), 740 346 6993, & [nayolorevan@outlook.com](mailto:nayolorevan@outlook.com) .

## **IMPORTANT!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

At the 2019 Conclave, TKE International attempted to change the Fraternity Constitution and By-Laws to require that the Board of Advisors/Trustees and the Housing Corporation be two separate entities for liability reasons. It failed, but has been on the back burner since. This year at the 2022 Conclave, these changes were passed.

Since its founding, our chapter's Board of Trustees has also served as its Housing Corporation. We must now form a separate entity and members cannot be on both entities. As we currently have only 5 Alumni Board members, it would be very difficult to split off any members to form a new entity. We really need some alumni who would be willing to serve on the Board or the yet to be formed Housing Corporation. Adding additional Board members would allow 1 or 2 current Board members

to serve on the Housing Corporation. The future Board of Trustees (likely renamed Board of Advisors per TKE International strong recommendation) will be focused on chapter operations, while the Housing Corporation will be the legal owner of the property, house, and its furnishings. Living in the Cincinnati area is not necessary, as most business can be conducted virtually. If you have any interest, please contact Frater Paul Lindenschmidt (138) at 513-398-2997 or [plindenschmidt@cinci.rr.com](mailto:plindenschmidt@cinci.rr.com)

## **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DONATION REQUEST**

To provide funds for your Alumni Association's USPS mail newsletters and social activities, we are conducting our annual fund drive. Any donation is appreciated but a suggested amount is \$20.00. We had a great response last year and hope to repeat the success.

There are two ways to make this 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 "donation" 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](mailto: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.

## **WELCOME FRATER DAVE PLOGMAN, NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SECRETARY**

We welcome and thank Frater Dave Plogman (215) to volunteer as your new Alumni Association Secretary.

Dave lives in Marcellus, NY, southwest of Syracuse, NY.

## **ALUMNUS UPDATE, FRATER RANDY BILLIAN, #141, BS MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

I graduated from UC in 1980 with a BS in mechanical engineering and started working for Eaton Corporation as a manufacturing engineer. The corporate training program had me moving every 3 to 6 months which resulted in 7 moves in 2 years. My permanent job was with the axle division in the product engineering group. Eaton axles are used in class 6 to 8 vehicles with the class 8 being your Kenworth, Peterbilt, and Freightliner's and customer visits took me to various locations in North America. After about 20 years there, the division was sold to Dana Incorporated and that is where I am today. Currently, I am in the applications group working mostly with Japanese customers and one in South Africa.

On the personal side, I am married to my beautiful wife, Bridget, and we are coming up on our 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary next month. We have 2 children; Joe is 30 and Darcy is 26. Both graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Joe is doing statistical analysis for medical research, and Darcy works for a company in Detroit that does research for GM. We are also expecting our first grand child via Joe and his wife, Anna.

I still have my passion for cars and always ask about the vehicles people had that last time I saw them. With retirement being planned for next year, the 1971 Mustang I had my last years at UC will be dusted off and restored. Due to my job, I live during the week in Maumee, OH but travel back to Kalamazoo, MI on weekends to care for the property there. Retirement living is planned to be in Kalamazoo.

If you desire to update your fellow fraters, send a short bio or a description of a humorous or impactful event during your active TKE years, email to Frater Bill Foster, [bill.cpatax@gmail.com](mailto:bill.cpatax@gmail.com).

### **ACTIVE CHAPTER RUSH REPORT**

In terms of recruitment, we have already had our Showcase Week, Sept 2 – Sept 9 (formally known as Rush Week), and as of this newsletter's date, we have 7 signed bids and 4 more bids to make.

### **HOW CAN ALUMNI HELP LAMBDA GAMMA RUSH?**

If you know of a freshman or sophomore who is attending UC this upcoming school year and may be interested in TKE fraternity life, please contact Frater Joseph Berger, (464), Rush Chairman, [joeyberger17@gmail.com](mailto:joeyberger17@gmail.com), 330 730 4468.

### **TEKE HOUSE PRIDE**

Over the summer, the chapter and Board of Trustees continued to make improvements and upgrades to the chapter house, which will be 100 years old in 2025. TKE has been in this house since the summer of 1967, 55 years ago.

These improvements include:

- Installation of 4 ft high wire fence with barbed wire and warning signs along back property line to prevent trespassing,

- Installation of basement dehumidifier,
- Installation of 4 downspout diverters in case of main building sewer blockage; these downspouts discharge to the main sewer, and we did experience severe blockage followed by a rainstorm; results were not pretty.
- Refresh painting of the Family Room (white & red) and removal of the counter; carpeting was installed where counter was located. See 2 photos below





- Until a final decision is made as to type and length of counter, the old counter has been placed on the north wall of the front Family Room with two saw horses for support plus a TV to be used for announcements, rush, alumni events, etc. Also, 2 used cabinets have been placed under the old counter so chapter can experiment with them to see what type, size, and number they need for final installation. See 1 photo below.



- Just before Showcase Week, White Oak Garden Center installed two dwarf alberta spruce bushes in front of front porch; see photo below. Thanks to the work of chapter, especially Frater Tyranski (455), House Mgr, and Board of Trustees, the front of the house looks great.



Lastly, 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](mailto:tyranssa@mail.uc.edu) .

### **CHAPTER'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The current Board of Trustees consists of 5 alumni members plus the 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).

We currently meet monthly, typically on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, except December with no meeting. We meet not only in person at the TKE house but also virtually. Alumni are welcome to attend meetings in person or virtually.

## **WE ARE LOOKING FOR THESE “LOST” ALUMNI:**

We have no good contact information for the following fraters:

Scott Adams (346)	Patrick Hayes (43)
Jeff Barsness (34)	Samuel Heller (389)
Kyle Beanland (378)	Guillermo Hernandez (157)
Mike Bigler (132)	Steve Holland (202)
Robert Bostrom (3)	Greg Hutzel (375)
Terence Brennan (158)	Theron Makley (197)
Adam Broady (408)	Eric Nofziger (285)
Joseph Brodar (419)	Philip Ouellette (374)
Derek Broughton (368)	Dylan Patel (428)
Jamie Broughton (317)	Frank Patterson (53)
Mattis Brumbach (395)	Todd Patterson (389)
Jimmy Chess (193)	J. Gray Petterson (321)
Ronald Chin (411)	Timothy Ratterman (412)
Don Copher (140)	Andy Reehorst (189)
Tim Coulehan (236)	Andy Reynolds (347)
Brian Dick (171)	Charles Staley (9)
J. Patrick Eberly (181)	Richard Stubblefield (301)
Daniel Everett (142)	Taylor Steven Van Winkle (431)
David Gardner (195)	David Wagner (14)
Randall Good (267)	Martin Walker (227)
Chris Gribben (344)	Geoffrey Weissenberger (323)
Tom Groll (223)	Rob Wells (300)
Mark Hardin (358)	Matt Wilker (426)
David Harding (154)	Andrew Wohler (80)

If you have any contact information for these fraters or if they have entered fraternity eternal, please inform Alumni President, Frater Bill Foster, 812-528-4061 , [bill.cpatax@gmail.com](mailto:bill.cpatax@gmail.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 this Tuesday, 9/27. Interested? Contact Frater Bill Foster (173), 812-528-4061, [bill.cpatax@gmail.com](mailto:bill.cpatax@gmail.com) so that you can be added to the meeting notification list.

## **ALUMNI & ACTIVE OFFICERS & APPOINTEES**

President – Bill Foster (173)	812-528-4061
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