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# The Kappa Sig Stater

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## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

### Hard Work and Cooperation Grow the Bonds of Brotherhood

*By Walt Shuler, President of Kappa Sigma Alumni Association*

It is with great pride that as your alumni association president, I can report the Alpha-Sigma Chapter of Kappa Sigma at The Ohio State University continues to build upon its membership foundation. Our alumni association will only be as good as the progress current undergraduate chapter members make in their studies and in their activities as Kappa Sigma members on campus.

Let's begin with Kappa Sigma's membership progress. For the record, Ohio State prohibits the bidding of freshman to any Greek organization, sorority or fraternity, without the freshman in question first proving his or her qualifications. A minimum of scholastic hours and a 2.75 GPA (Kappa Sigma By-Law, internal) are needed before a freshman can be bid and enter the pledging phase of membership. This program helps the freshman understand the importance of scholastic commitment but translates to a low number of pledges in Fall Semester.

Alpha-Sigma of Kappa Sigma did well to pledge eight young men who were sophomores and carry-over freshman. Seven members were initiated after pledge educator, **Kyle Sturrock**, and his team did the work necessary in preparing pledges for entry into the Order. This gave Kappa Sigma firm footing heading into the Winter/Spring Semester and formal Rush program.

On January 15, 2014, the pledge class of Winter/Spring Semester was announced with 37 bids accepted. Again, that is 37 pledges into Kappa Sigma fraternity at OSU! The effort followed a full 10-day slate of daily and nightly formal Rush programs under the supervision of rush chairman, **Andrew Burger**, with help from alumni adviser **Tyler Young** and several key actives on the committee. This pledge class is

the largest group recorded since the chapter was rechartered by the 2004 Founders colony pledge class (50) and moves Kappa Sigma into the Top 3 of fraternity pledge classes on campus.

It doesn't end with pledging at Kappa Sigma. The effort to become a better, stronger, more recognized fraternity on campus is surging. On the weekend of January 17-20, the chapter held its first-ever out-of-state retreat for officers, future officers and future leaders of Kappa Sigma. Twenty-four Brothers from the active chapter along with three advisers and two area district grand masters headed to Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The entire undergraduate executive committee was on hand along with advisers **Tyler Young**, **Kelley King** and **Walt Shuler** with two goals in mind: Grow Brotherhood and Strengthen Chapter Communication. DGM Matt Charnas (South Ohio) and Mike Palmer (North Carolina) gave presentations on leadership values with integrity and honesty at the heart of each presentation. Pronounced as success by all in attendance, the retreat is now a solid component of chapter operations for the years ahead.

The chapter has many goals and objectives to reach. One is to attract alumni back to the chapter house. Pledges must now interview alumni as part of their program of learning Kappa Sigma at Ohio State. Your Kappa Sigma Alumni Association and the Kappa Sigma House Company is helping with this project while also examining the needs of the chapter house. The latter is important to every Brother that ever entered the Order through Alpha-Sigma chapter. This new era of unification and solidarity continues. Your support along the way is sincerely appreciated and always welcome.

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## Brother Means' Letter to Alumni (January 1965)

### A Letter from the Past Highlights the Constant Need for House Improvements

*Brother Wayne Rickert discovered this 1965 letter from Brother Means. According to this document, Kappa Sigma at Ohio State has not undergone major capital improvement and renovation since the south "new" wing was built in 1966—that is 48 years ago. No internal work on the original colonial structure dating back to 1937—a lengthy 77 years ago.*

Dear Kappa Sigma Brother:

This historical data and some house campaign facts have been gathered by me and will be mailed to all Alpha-Sigma of Kappa Sigma brothers at my expense.

The Alpha-Sigma chapter of Kappa Sigma was installed on March 22, 1895. The first Kappa Sigma Club Corporation charter was signed in 1903, by **Clarence (Laylin), Bob (Laylin)**, and Leut's father, **Lewis C. Layline**. The corporation was revived in

1909 and our present House on the Hill was leased. It was the old Neil farm homestead, said to be built on an Indian mound.

By 1936 the chapter house was in such bad state of repair we moved the chapter out—remodeled the house into the impressive colonial mansion for \$37,000. We raised about \$17,000 and mortgaged the rest. It was the finest of all fraternities; it is now inadequate for the size of the modern chapter. Now, once more it is time to put our fraternity on a competitive basis with others.

We have had no major campaign in the last 27 years. Our "plant," when finished, will be worth \$300,000 and the most impressive on campus. Competing with the Betas, Phi Gams, Phi Deltas, DU's, ATO's, etc., we must raise a sizeable sum. Our main building, walls, foundations are as solid as the rock of Gibraltar and will outlast competing new

houses. Many of the other fraternities have been forced to pay extravagant land prices, whereas we hold the key location and the most beautiful site of all.

The Phi Gams were left a bequest, which they used to purchase two adjoining lots and they are now in a successful campaign, which they will use to tear down their present house and build a new one. The Betas bought extra lots and have torn down their old house and built a new one. A dozen competitors have done likewise. We must put our plans (for expansion and improvement) over, also.

I feel you will agree that with no major improvements in 27 years it is time to give the chapter house the needed facilities to compete and operate successfully.

Brother **Russel G. Means** - 1917

## CHAPTER CELESTIAL

### In Recognition of Brothers—Year 2013

#### Our condolences and sympathy for their family and friends

#### Jay "Pete" Eckhart - Class of '54

Brother Eckhart entered the Chapter Celestial on February 1, 2013. "Pete" was born March 31, 1935, and was a graduate of North High School. He married Millicent (Schlosser) Eckhart on July 13, 1957. He was a never-ending story teller and historian and also a United State Army veteran. Pete retired as CEO of Ohio Remcon, which he founded in 1970 and owned for over 35 years. A fixture at the chapter house throughout his life, Brother Eckhart contributed labor, supplies and carpet in helping to improve the lives of the active chapter.

#### Dale "Bob" Knouse - Class of '57

Brother Knouse entered the Chapter Celestial on February 28, 2013. Bob was born September 5, 1938, in Lafayette, Indiana. He joined the U.S. Navy after graduating from The Ohio State University,

where he served three years. Bob worked most of his career with IBM, even serving a 3-year stint in Italy with the company. He was a member of the Roswell (Ga.) Presbyterian Church and is survived by his wife of 31 years, Ellen Knouse.

#### James "Jim" Anderson - Class of '48

Brother Anderson entered the Chapter Celestial on March 24, 2013. Jim was born May 31, 1929, in Cleveland, Ohio. A graduate of Shelby High School in 1947, Jim played on the '47 NOL championship football team. He graduated from OSU in 1951 and, after a tenure with the Shelby Pure Milk Company, he eventually retired from the Shelby Mutual Insurance Company as VP of Human Resources. Brother Anderson was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Doris (Robb) Anderson on November 12, 2012.

#### Steven "Steve" Tumblin - Class of '67

Brother Tumblin entered the Chapter Celestial on October 29, 2013. Steve was born August 26, 1948, in Columbus and was a graduate of North High School. He was the loving husband of Amy (Hinsch) Tumblin, his wife of 36 years. Steve graduated from Ohio State and was a proud supporter of "all things Buckeye." He was a member of the Worthington Presbyterian Church where Steve also served as a Deacon. Steve was past president of the Kappa Sigma Alumni Association at OSU as well as past president of development board of Children's Hospital Foundation. He was also a veteran of the Air Force National Guard serving with Bros. Mike Gire, Jeff Shaw, Don James, Rick Meyer, and Sheridan Steele.



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### Dick Greer Tells Us About Bumping into JFK and Racing Mazdas at Daytona

**Dick Greer** was a 1951 initiate at Alpha Sigma and graduated in 1954, heading to the Korean War where he flew B-52s. Upon returning, he built and managed several apartment complexes around the Ohio State campus and became a successful race car driver.

Thanks, Dick, for taking the time to answer some questions about your time at Ohio State and Alpha Sigma!

#### **Do you still keep in contact with any brothers?**

Yeah, I still keep in contact with several of the guys. **Vic Irelan** and a few others. Some are your close friends for life. I was lucky enough to go to OSU when Woody Hayes was coming. There were about five guys on the team that came by the house all the time. **Dick Logan** I still see occasionally.

**Paul Ebert** graduated in my class. He was a 3rd team All-America selection on the OSU basketball team and we remained good friends until he died.

#### **What attracted you to Kappa Sigma and the Ohio State fraternity system?**

I grew up in Columbus and went to University High School, which was basically a part of The Ohio State University, so I was already used to the place when I arrived as a freshman.

The fraternity system helps you to grow from a high school kid to a very success-

ful adult. The fraternity makes a guy a lot more sophisticated. The people you meet in your fraternity and other fraternities helps a great deal in the business world also, and helps you decide what to do now and later.

You never know who you're going to meet, and being in a fraternity takes you at least a step or two above the average college student. If you're smart, you pick a nice sorority girl, settle down, and you're happy.

#### **How did you get started in the local apartment business?**

I graduated in '54 and, at the time, we had to go into the military because of the Korean War. I got to be a pilot, flying B-52s. I ended up in Radar School in Washington, D.C. I was looking for a place to live when first stationed at the base and found a house on a farm not too far from the base. It wasn't quite finished and the guy had it for sale, so I asked if he could rent it to me for two years and I'd finish the house (mostly painting and such). He made the deal and I stayed on the farm.

The guy turned out to be the Parliamentarian of the U.S. Senate! In the process, we became very good friends, we basically had the run of the capital, even going to Nixon's office. He would take us to the Senate Dining Room for lunch often. One day at lunch, he said "there's this great

young guy I want you to meet." It was none other than John Kennedy!

I didn't want to get into the apartment business until I got involved with the people I met. It was a great era to build, at the time, so I went with it. Now we all collect rent and live happily ever after.

#### **You race cars, have you had a chance to get to the track recently?**

I wish I was on the track recently! I have a small car collection, with 11 or 12 race cars, some old cars, and stuff like that. I have a big storage garage at one of my properties where I keep them.

We used to drive Mazdas all the time. We didn't wear ear protection, so my hearing is pretty bad. I had four wins at Daytona in '91, '92, '93, and '01. I went back to Daytona two years ago to race again, but didn't place.

I'm currently driving a Corvette, which is kind of a famous car because it was built by Greg Pickett (Muscle Milk's owner/founder). Greg drove it for two years before he sold it, and eventually I got my hands on it. I ended up placing 3rd in a race driving that car. It's been through a lot, but we're currently rebuilding it!

*Interested in participating in an alumnus interview or know a brother who would make a great candidate for one?*

Contact [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com).

## HOUSE CORPORATION UPDATE

### Preparing for OSU S.T.E.P. Program

Kappa Sigma's House Corporation and Alumni Association have a new partner: Fraternity Management Group. FMG, as they like to be called, is headed by founder and president Brother Matt Noble (Arizona, Kappa Sigma chapter). Brother Noble, along with client services director Tony Marks, are working to develop several important lead-in programs and surveys for Kappa Sigma/Alpha-Sigma chapter alumni to participate in as a road to renovation and reconstruction of the

Kappa Sigma chapter house is studied.

Brothers Noble and Marks are professionals and have several successful capital campaigns to boast about in their years of service to Kappa Sigma. Most notably of late was the Kappa Sigma chapter at Purdue University, which resulted in a brand new chapter house. In just 45+ days time, FMG and the Noble/Marks team has KSAA working hard to build up its information base in the preparation for a feasibility study.

Are you interested in being an Era Chair, serve on the Steering Committee or want to be contacted by Brother Noble? Contact your KSAA president **Walt Shuler** at [wshuler0119@gmail.com](mailto:wshuler0119@gmail.com) or **Matt Noble** at [matt.noble@fmgtucson.com](mailto:matt.noble@fmgtucson.com). These are highly energized times for Kappa Sigma at The Ohio State University. You won't want to miss any of the good news and you'll absolutely want to be a part of it all.

## CAREER NETWORK

### Alpha Sigma to Start New Career Mentoring/Speaking Program This Program Provides Exciting Ways for Alumni and Parents to Stay Connected

Alpha Sigma is partnering with Greek Ladders ([www.greekladders.com](http://www.greekladders.com)) in the development of a career network for our alumni, parents and undergraduates. Matt Noble from FMG is a partner in this company with two other Kappa Sigma's. To begin the program we are looking for the following:

- Alumni and/or parents willing to sit on a career panel (i.e., careers in advertising, engineering, finance, real state, etc.) or present a workshop (personal brand-

ing, resumes, interviewing, networking, etc.). We will plan to hold these panels and workshops next fall and spring.

- Alumni and/or parents willing to serve as a career mentor (agree to talk to an undergraduate by phone and/or in-person 3-4 times per year about their resume, interview process, networking, etc.)
- Eventually, we will be establishing talent communities and providing a network of employers offering internships and

full-time jobs to undergraduates and alumni.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Matt Noble at [matt.noble@greekladders.com](mailto:matt.noble@greekladders.com) or 520-990-3250.



## EMAIL ALERTS

### Almost 60% of Brothers Are Missing Important Kappa Sigma Updates Online

Kappa Sigma Alumni Association, when it uses email, reaches less than 40% of its alumni brothers. In numerical terms approximately 510 brothers are reached via email compared to a total database of 1300+ names and addresses.

In 2013 – 2014, your *Kappa Sigma STATER* will use a new publication schedule. It will publish twice, the first in February 2014 and the second time in August 2014. These dates are being used in order to achieve at least two objectives. One is to keep alumni abreast of news from the Alpha-Sigma active chapter

on campus. A second is to alert Kappa Sigma alumni of new alumni programs, spending on capital improvements at the chapter house, PR-worthy programs such as Homecoming, an alumni golf outing, chapter open house proceedings and other important news.

Still, KSAA could do more at less expense if alumni brothers who are currently not participating through the KSAA website updates would enlist. It's easy and efficient. To enroll you can simply email [websupport@affinityconnection.com](mailto:websupport@affinityconnection.com) your full name and Member ID

(located above your mailing address in this publication). A username and password will then be created for you so that you can access some of the members-only areas of our newly improved website, [www.alphasigmabrothers.org](http://www.alphasigmabrothers.org).

Joining lowers spending on printing and postage due to the low cost of electronic communications. Money saved through electronic publishing, in the end, benefits both KSAA membership and the active chapter.

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