

## Report from Alumni Board Chairman

Dear Fraters –

We're ready for 2017!

I've read with some amusement people complaining about 2016 being the worst year ever. I'm sure those who lived through a World War, The Great Depression or The Civil War would be very confused when we told them that we were upset about celebrities passing away and a Presidential election. I guess suffering is relative these days.

That being said, there is no doubt that 2016 was a tough year for our fraternity. For the first fall in a long time there was an almost empty TKE house and no rush opportunity for Delta-Nu Tekes. We voluntarily asked the Grand Chapter at the TKE International Headquarters to suspend our Charter. We temporarily moved money from Capitol Improvements to be able to cover our bills and plan to fully replenish the Capital Improvements Fund once chapter operations are re-established and the chapter financial situation is on solid ground. In short, 2016 wasn't a lot of fun.

The good news is that this is 2017! Our goal this year is simple. It's to put TKE and Delta-Nu back on campus at Northwest. We will have an opportunity to reapply for campus recognition in November of this year and we intend to do that. There are a lot of details, plans and decisions that will need to be made- but the objective is clear.

We received a further dose of really good news this fall when a Frater stepped up to loan us the additional money needed to pay off the bank note for the TKE house. Currently, all of the debt owed on our house at 555 W. Ninth is held by 12 Fraters to whom we are extremely grateful (and in literal debt). We continue to pursue a long-term solution for the House that can generate an income stream and are actively pursuing it.

So everyone is clear, we still face obstacles and uncertainty. We will have to satisfy the University that all of the conditions for reinstatement agreed upon during the appeal process have been met. With the help of the TKE International staff and our alumni members, we will need to assemble a small group of young men and help them rebuild our bond. We must give them every ounce of support they need and we will have to be creative in this task. The fraternity world has changed and we will have to balance the best of yesterday and today and plan for the future.

At our February Board of Advisors meeting, I will form a group who is charged with bringing life to our mission. This is critical to our long-term success. If you have ever considered contributing your time, talent or treasure to your fraternity- now is the time! We can do this, but we need your help. I hope that you will consider joining us at our meeting in Kansas City on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and learn how you can get involved.

Perhaps at this time next year, we will fondly remember 2017 as the best year on record. Spring is just around the corner. We have a historic opportunity and we are ready to seize it and continue the great Delta-Nu TKE legacy!

Yours in the bond,  
**Jason Klindt, 1278 - Chairman, Board of Advisors**

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## Social Calendar

Another year of successfully gathering Delta-Nu Tekes is behind us and we're excited about the year ahead. We plan to continue our traditional alumni events with the Annual Bowling Tournament in Kansas City which is fast approaching and the with the TKE Memorial Golf Tournament traditionally held on the first Friday in June in Maryville. We also are hoping to expand our gatherings to Omaha and Des Moines allowing Fraters in those areas the opportunity to get together, network, tell a few stories and enjoy our brotherhood. If any Fraters in those areas are interested in getting Delta-Nu Tekes together, please e-mail or call me and I'll be happy to assist you.

**Please add these dates to your calendar:**

### Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017

- **2017 Annual Meeting & Update for the Delta-Nu Alumni Association:**  
4:00 pm North Kansas City Bowling Meeting Room  
505 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. North Kansas City, MO 64116  
-Bowling tournament will follow the meeting-
- **2017 TKE Alumni Bowling Tournament:**  
5:00 pm North Kansas City Bowling Alley  
505 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. North Kansas City, MO 64116

### March 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

- **MIAA Conference Basketball Tournament & TKE Alumni Happy Hour**  
5 p.m. Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Power & Light District.

### June, 2<sup>nd</sup> (Friday)

- **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual TKE Memorial Golf Tournament & Delta-Nu Triangle Awards Ceremony**  
All Delta-Nu Tekes are encouraged to join in this signature weekend of fun and celebration on June 2, 2017. If you don't golf.....No problem! There's plenty of fun to be had. The new hotel at Mozingo Lake is scheduled to be open this spring and will provide a new option for those needing overnight accommodations.
- **Delta-Nu Triangle Awards Ceremony**  
The ceremony will follow the conclusion of the golf tournament and will take place at the TKE House. A sit down dinner will precede the ceremony.

**Tony Dorrel, 920 - Social Chairman**

## 2017 TKE Delta Nu Memorial Scramble

To kick off the 22nd Anniversary Celebration, the 22nd Annual TKE Delta-Nu Memorial Scramble is to be held at Mozingo Lake Golf Course in Maryville on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We plan to have more than 80 Delta Nu Tekes from across the country, spanning all 63 years of TKE history, tee it up in one of the longest running fraternity events in Delta -Nu history.

Designed to raise funds honoring those Fraters who have passed into the Chapter Eternal on The Teke for Life Donor Wall at the house. The tournament is expected to raise more than \$6,000 in their honor through the purchase of golf mulligans and general contributions from alumni and hole sponsors. Every dollar raised will go toward building up donation totals in these men's names.

**The Teke for Life Chapter Eternal Wall.** All donations not made in a specific name will be divided amongst all deceased fraters, adding to their existing totals. Again this year, we'll have a hospitality tent- The 19th Hole aka Watering Hole. Golfers can grab a pint at the turn and non-golfers will be able to socialize throughout the day. Visitors from TKE International and dignitaries from Northwest might even stop by to enjoy the afternoon.

Mark your calendars for this event – this will be the biggest and best alumni event of 2017, Plan to join us whether you're a golfer or not!

**Brent Steffens, 1384 - TKE Delta-Nu Memorial Scramble Director**



## Special Projects

## Introducing “Thank A Teke”



The Delta-Nu Alumni Association has launched a new program as a way for Frater's and friends of the fraternity to say “Thank You” to members of the fraternity while supporting leadership and scholarship efforts of Delta-Nu and TKE. This can be done through the TKE Educational Foundation headquartered in Indianapolis in support of the **Delta-Nu Special Project Fund for Leadership & Scholarship** and The Delta-Nu TKE Alumni Association.

The “Fraternity for Life” theme is something we all have learned and continue to experience long after our days in Maryville. The bond we have amongst ourselves allows us all to be there for the fraternity itself or for individual fraters and their families as we go about our daily lives as TKE alumni. Often we don't think twice as we assist and help one another with various life experiences or with service to the fraternity. The THANK A TEKE program is a way to say thanks to a Teke for something he has done to help out a fellow Frater.

It might be a ride to the airport, a referral on a job opportunity or business lead, assistance with a home repair or for hosting a fellow Frater for an overnight while traveling.....the list goes on. The program was officially initiated with 5 “Thank a Teke” cards being sent in recently. The following Frater's were honored for various efforts and successes. Fraters Steve Wallach, Keith Jorgensen, Bob Nielsen, Tony Dorrel and Joe Saubers. Thanks Guys!

With this program, Fraters being thanked will be listed as donors to the TKE Educational Foundation in The TEKE Magazine. The funds given in their names will support the new Delta-Nu Chapter Leadership in attendance at leadership conferences, TKE Conclave and potentially any educational upgrades to the Delta-Nu TKE House. With strong uptake of this program, scholarships could also be established for Delta-Nu members in the future.

### Here is how it works:

1.Fill out a “Thank a TEKE” card shown below on-line at [nwtke.com](http://nwtke.com) or print it out.

2.Mail the card if not sent electronically and your check made payable to: **The TKE Educational Foundation** to:Delta-Nu TKE Alumni Association C/O Frater Brad Shelton 1805 Arabian Ave. Naperville, IL 60565.

A personal Thank You will be sent to the Frater you have chosen to honor and all the logistics of gaining credit for your tax deductible donation to the TKE Educational Foundation will be initiated. Simple as that!

### The Delta-Nu Alumni Association goals and benchmarks for 2017:

- Send out twenty five “Thank a TEKE” cards sent in 2017 (5 have already been sent) and growing each year going forward to 35 in 2018.

- Raise \$1,000 in donations to the TKE Educational Foundation in support of the Delta-Nu Special Project in 2017 through this program and \$1,500 in 2018.

Thanks for giving this new program your support and for saying Thank You to your fellow Frater's when the opportunity arises. If you have questions on the program or suggestions for enhancement, please contact me at [Stephen.moss85@gmail.com](mailto:Stephen.moss85@gmail.com)

Thanks for your support of this new program and for supporting Delta-Nu TKE with your participation.

**Steve Moss, 927 - TEF Special Projects Fund Manager**

**THANK A TEKE**

A PROGRAM TO SAY THANK YOU TO A MEMBER OF  
TAU KAPPA EPSILON  
SUPPORTING THE DELTA NU TKE  
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND FOR LEADERSHIP & ACADEMICS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFERED BY: THE DELTA NU  
TKE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
THROUGH THE  
TKE EDUCATIONAL  
FOUNDATION

I'd like to Thank: \_\_\_\_\_

For: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your contribution to the TKE Educational Foundation IS tax deductible

Mail your Check made payable to TKE Educational Foundation and this Post card To:  
Delta Nu TKE Alumni Association  
1805 Arabian Ave.  
Naperville, IL 60565

A personal note will be mailed to the TKE you are Thanking, letting him know of your appreciation.



TKE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
Supporting Tokes of Today and Tomorrow





## Capital Improvements

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP? This is the question many of you have been asking. Well, there is quite a lot you can do. One, be patient. Things take time. We all know that our Delta-Nu is facing a crucial time in its 63 year history. Notice I used the word “crucial” and not crisis. To me, crisis has a hint of chaos in it, and I don’t have a sense of chaos about our situation. So, what can you do?

Due to a group of faithful, generous, trusting fraters, we have achieved one major goal already. We have eliminated an external debt, the mortgage on our house, and made it an internal obligation under the control of our Alumni Board of Advisors. We now OWN the house! And that is KEY! It is unlikely that we could ever own a property that close to campus in the future. It offers a huge advantage in recruiting new members.

The ultimate goal for all of us is to have an operating, active Delta-Nu chapter on the Northwest campus. How do we get there? What is ahead of us in 2017? We know that it will be spring of 2018 at the earliest before we can expect the house to have active Tekes as paying tenants.

So what about 2017? There are several options to create cash flow, one being locating paying tenants. This option is being explored, but none have committed themselves as of now. What we do know is that we need to cover \$11,000 insurance expense, \$6,800 in taxes and approximately \$700 to \$800 per month in general expenses in 2017. What can you do?

Simply due to the math of the situation, we are unable to offer the same “loan” plan used to retire the mortgage. Thus, we are working to create a different, smaller plan to raise \$25,000 during 2017, or a lesser amount should we be fortunate enough to find a paying tenet. The advantage to this “smaller” challenge is that it opens the door to fraters at a different place in their financial life to assist Delta-Nu with financial help. Now is the opportunity for those able to comfortably offer \$500, or even stretch to \$1,000, to come forward. Raising \$25,000 in small bites CAN be done! Small or large, please consider offering your support to this important cause. All contributions will be honored on The TEKE for Life Donor Wall at the house.

Delta-Nu will need your time, your talent and your treasure in the years to come to continue our great legacy at Northwest. The Northwest football team didn’t win its sixth national championship by thinking it couldn’t be done. We can rebuild Delta-Nu with your help. Think positive!

**Keith Jorgensen, 438 - Capital Improvements Committee Chairman**



## 2017 Delta Nu Triangle Award Recipients



This year will be the third class for the Triangle Award for Delta-Nu. The selection process began in early December, 2016 with the nomination of 11 Fraters. The Nomination Committee is made up of all Triangle Award winners from the first two classes. Those nominations were then researched and discussed by a newly formed Triangle Awards Selection committee made up of Fraters from across the Delta-Nu Scroll.

The Selection Committee members include: Todd Goforth 964 - Chairman; Dick Jackson - 264; Ed Propst - 276; Doug Johnson - 295; Chuck Riley - 351; Dick Rabenold - 626; Roger Wilson - 1019; Brian Carroll - 1354 and Gunner Sumy - 1564. A big Thank You to these Fraters for their time and their continued service to Delta-Nu. The Selection Committee selected the following outstanding Fraters for this year's award:

### Chapter Eternal Recipient:

Bob Cotter – 212, formerly from St Joseph & Maryville, MO Pledge Class 1961 Spring

### 2017 Triangle Award Recipients:

Keith J. Jorgensen – 438, from Cedar Falls, IA	Pledge Class 1966 Fall
Stephen R. Eckard – 536, from St Joseph, MO	Pledge Class 1970 Spring
Daniel R. Canchola – 873, from Kansas City, MO	Pledge Class 1980 Fall

Members of the Selection Committee are currently in the process of putting together a biography on each recipient and obtaining a portrait picture of each, all of which will be placed into the Hall of Honor Display at the TKE House. An Induction Ceremony will be held on the evening of June 2nd at the TKE House after the Annual TKE Golf outing.

All living members of this year's class are planning to attend. We hope you'll make the trip to Maryville for this momentous occasion which includes a sit down dinner that will precede the program, followed by the Induction Ceremony and a cocktail reception. We encourage everyone to join us that evening to honor the accomplishments of these Fraters.

**Ed Propst, 276 - Historian**

**Todd Goforth, 963 - Triangle Award Chairman**

## Delta Nu TKE Scholarship

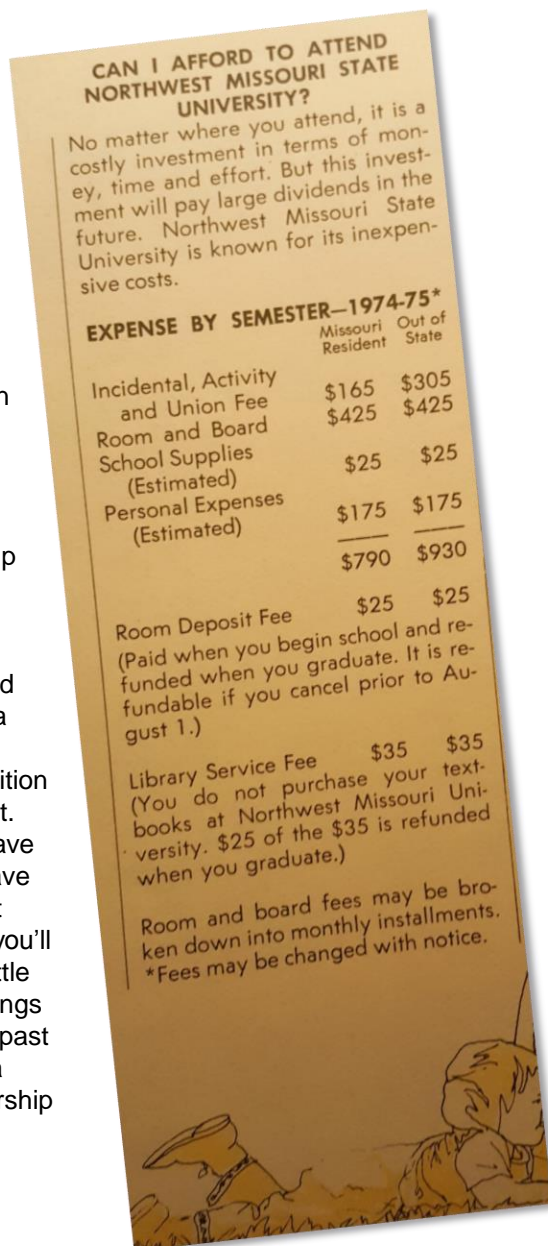
We have continued to grow the Delta-Nu Active Scholarship held with The Northwest Foundation through various fund raising events and donations. As we look toward the future of Delta-Nu, we are looking at how we can strategically leverage this scholarship to help build back the chapter. It's important to continue to grow this scholarship so we can attract strong leaders, scholars and fine young men to the new Delta-Nu. Your contribution and support is appreciated and as always IS tax deductible. You can make a contribution to this scholarship through the Northwest Foundation, or [www.wtke.com](http://www.wtke.com) or by contracting me directly. Please be sure to indicate your contribution is for the Teke Active Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your continued support.

**Owen Straub, 961 - Delta-Nu TKE Scholarship Chairman**



## Delta Nu Alumni Association Membership

**WE WANT YOU**



In the article on the right, Frater Bob Nielson discusses how much change has occurred since his days at Northwest, and how affordable a membership in the Delta Nu Alumni Association really is.

Obviously we agree, and when we came across a 1974 brochure from Northwest describing tuition costs, we had to share it. For those of you who have children in college or have (thankfully) finished that achievement, we think you'll find it amusing (and a little shocking) how much things have changed over the past 40+ years. (And what a bargain Alumni Membership really is!)

The mission of the Delta-Nu Tau Kappa Epsilon Alumni Association is to offer several ways for Delta-Nu Alumni to stay connected and engaged with each other, solely based on the individual members' preference. We support the TKE spirit among alumni across all generations of fraters. The Delta-Nu Alumni Association is a chartered chapter within the Grand Chapter or the entire TKE Nation. We are a chapter-based Alumni Association which coordinates social and philanthropic events for alumni and awards scholarships to collegiate members of the chapter and school.

Thanks to all of the current members of the Delta-Nu Alumni Association for your support during these past years! Your dues support this newsletter, the funding of the web site, our on-line museum, the postage and general operating costs associated with the Board of Advisors and Alumni Association. If you have not joined the DNAA, or are past due in your membership renewal, please consider joining and renewing. To learn more about the DNAA, go to [www.nwtke.com/content/alumni-association](http://www.nwtke.com/content/alumni-association) You can register and pay your dues on line.

On a personal note, I was standing in the stadium during the 2016 D-II National Championship game a few weeks ago and I thought back to my TKE/NW days in the mid 70's. How things have changed? I remember the few hundred fans at a Bearcat home game in Maryville. I remember sitting on the east side on dilapidated, paint peeling wooden bleachers. Today, there are thousands of spectators attending in subzero temps and falling snow yelling in vocal support for the Bearcats and several thousand alumni viewing on ESPN2 in a group, from their home, or listening in an automobile.

I tailgated and was standing shoulder to shoulder during this game with the fraters that I have known for 40 years! That is what the "Fraternity for Life" has provided to me and I am ever grateful. I am aware that several of you attended with other fraters, and that there were many Facebook and TKE postings online to help fraters secure tickets for the game. Brotherhood and lifelong friendships are not replaceable. The DNAA helps expands that bond. I hope you'll take a moment and join this year.

What is your membership cost? Priceless! A single year membership is \$50. That's 14 cents per day. A two year membership is \$75, or 10 cents per day, and a three year membership at \$105, is 8 cents per day. If you attended the D-II Championship game, or went out for New Year's Eve you spent or took your significant other out for dinner this past weekend, you spent more than that.

Our chapter has gone through significant changes lately. In my on-campus TKE days and yours, I believe that being a TKE was an honored privilege and elicited respect from other students and organizations. Today, we have much work to do to restore our positive reputation. There are TKE alumni working diligently to assist a few good men on campus to bring that respect for Delta-Nu back to Northwest and to all Delta-Nu TKE alumni members.

Please renew or activate your DNAA membership online at <http://www.nwtke.com/content/join-delta-nu-alumni-association>. You may pay with PayPal, Credit or Debit card through this portal. Now, more than ever, we need your time, treasure, and talent for support of the DNAA to assist the chapter thru this difficult time.

**Bob Nielsen, 640 - DNAA Membership Chairman**



## Chapter Eternal - Remembering our Founders

The 41 founders of TKE at Northwest Missouri State established the Delta-Nu Chapter, something for which all of us must be profoundly thankful. Had these men not taken the effort, initiative, and the risk to establish the 3<sup>rd</sup> fraternity at Northwest Missouri State Teachers College, we would not share the fraternal bond that we cherish today. As with so many of the Fraters who graduate and moved on in their lives, careers, families and accomplishments, it is easy to lose track of these men. It is difficult to know who is thriving, who is striving and who has moved on to the "Chapter Eternal". The Delta-Nu Alumni Association wants to assure you that we are doing all we can to track and contact each and every Frater. Recently, we recently received information from TKE International Headquarters of the passing of more than 30 Delta-Nu Fraters that we did not know had passed or were listed as missing. Many of those we just learned about were some of our 41 founding members. Many had passed years ago but we had no way of knowing.

With all respect and reverence as TKE Delta-Nu Fraters, we hope you'll take a moment to reflect and recognize these important men who made Delta-Nu possible. We also request that as you learn of fraters who have moved on that you help the DNAA in its tracking. Here are the 1954 Founding Fraters we believe to have passed to the Chapter Eternal.

Larry R. Belt	1	William C. Hunt	25
Carroll D. Liechti	2	Jack A Kinder	27
Richard D. Pistole	3	Martin F. Maune, Jr.	28
Donald R. Tilton	6	J.W. Stone	30
George O. Brown	9	Thomas J. Stephens, Jr	31
Arthur E. Buckingham, Jr.	10	Richard W. Tilton	34
Cyril N. Dougherty	14	Maurice Tobin	36
Daryl E. Flint	15	Carter E. Botkin	37
James R. Gromer	18	John W. Mauzey	38
Billy H. Grooms	19	Morris L. Hamilton	39
James H. Hamilton	20	Robert W. Wilson	40
Marshal B. Hatfield	22	Charles L. Johnson	41
Jack R. Hill	24		

**Jim Hawkins, 294 – Corresponding Secretary**



## A Final Thought . . .



A simple idea occurred to me while attending the TKE International Conclave last year. Like most conventions, the attendees were largely undergraduate students, but there were a fair number of alumni as well. TKE referred to its undergraduates as their “collegiate members” and alumni as “alumni members.”

Thus, having been out of college for about 40 years, I was referred to as an “alumni member.”

What if we started calling our alumni “members” and refer to our undergraduates as “collegiate members” more consistently? How might that simple word switch change the culture of our organization?

In my experience, when the designation of “alumni member” is conferred upon an individual, either informally or formally, it creates a change in mindset. It creates a sense that the primary work is over, and that one’s involvement in the fraternity is diminishing. That may not be the intent, but it seems to almost always be the result.

How many times have we heard an undergraduate say that they are going “alumni status?” This is code language for “I’m done.” While the experiences of a college student and a graduate are markedly different, somehow the illusion has been created that being an alumnus means that you are less of a member.

We are lifelong associations, right? Teke for Life and all that! Well, if a person lives to be 90 years old, they will have been known as “member” of their organization – in the standard sense – for only 5% of their adult life. Is it any wonder that we have problems with alumni engagement? Wouldn’t it be great if alumni stopped saying that they used to be members of TKE and thought more about what they might accomplish after graduation?

I am 62 years old, and have been out of college for 40 years. I don’t believe that I am less of a member of my TKE now. In fact, in almost every way, I hope that I am a better one. From now until my last breath, I will proudly be a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Delta-Nu Chapter and the life long journey I make with the fine men I call Fraters.

Yours In The Bond,

**Brad Shelton 651, Vice Chairman - Board of Advisors**