



Delta Nu Alumni Association  
Tau Kappa Epsilon  
Brian Carroll, Chairman



Fraters,

I hope that you are well and your families are well during the COVID-19 pandemic. For those that are essential workers, thank you for working through this. For those that have been adversely affected, hopefully the pandemic ends quickly and safely and your work will resume. For those in all the medical services and first responders, thank you for all that you have done and continue to do. It is greatly appreciated!

TKE Alumni have been busy with the Bowling Tournament and the Community Service event with Harvesters earlier this year. A Big Teke thank you for those who organized the event and to the 40+ alumni and undergrad members who participated.

I am sure that many of us were looking forward to the Golf Tournament. Finding out that COVID-19 has cancelled the event for May was a real disappointment, but other dates are already being considered, so please keep watching your email.

There have been good things that the men of the Delta Nu Active Chapter have been engaged in this last year. They achieved the highest philanthropic per capita dollar amount of any the Northwest fraternities for the 2019 school year! We have three Tekes on the 20-21 Student Senate: Connor Thompson (Treasurer), Brady Fritts (Off Campus Rep), and Joseph Etheridge (Junior Class Rep). Congratulations! The Alumni can be proud of these and other community service and philanthropic achievements.

I'm sure that this time under various levels of quarantine has been difficult for everyone. But it has also been a time of reflection and reconnecting. I encourage you to take a moment to reach out to pledge brothers and fellow Fraters just to check in. During times like this we can all use a little help from our friends!

Yours in the bond,  
Brian Carroll  
Alumni Association Chairman, ΔN 1354

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## Alumni Association Update

The DNAA is a group working together to foster the TKE spirit among alumni of many generations, offering multiple ways alumni can stay connected and engaged. This association is chartered as a chapter based organization working to promote a positive image of our fraternity by providing general guidance to the active chapter through the mentoring of undergraduate members, by coordinating social and philanthropic events and awarding scholarships and other funds to collegiate members. Membership in TKE is a lifelong commitment which broadens and deepens our understanding of the meaning of Fraternal Brotherhood. I encourage you to find out more about the Alumni Associations Missions and Goals at <http://www.nwtke.com/content/alumni-association>.

Our current dues paying membership roster qualifies us as the LARGEST Alumni Chapter in TEKE Nation and includes 9 lifetime members (\$1000)! All of these dues paying men support the Alumni Association that makes this newsletter possible and provide the many other services keeping alumni connected. You can be proud of how TKE is represented on the campus of NWMSU. Delta-Nu is on sound financial grounds under the oversight and strong leadership of alumni volunteers, but your support is still needed now more than ever as the undergraduate members work to increase their numbers and deal with the repercussions of this COVID-19 pandemic.

Memberships of 1yr, 3yr, 5yr, 10yr and Lifetime memberships are available and cost as little as \$3/month. We have simplified the process allowing for payments via credit cards online at <http://www.nwtke.com/content/join-delta-nu-alumni-association> or if you prefer, you can send a check to DNAA Treasurer Brad Shelton at 1805 Arabian Ave., Naperville, IL 60565. Make your check payable to DNAA marked DNAA dues.

Delta Nu was good to us and has given us so many fond memories of our days when we were a Collegiate. Now it's all about giving back to our beloved fraternity and to encourage our closest friends to give back too. Most of you would agree that to this day the friends we hangout with the most, attending sporting events, golfing, celebrating birthdays, 4th of July and New Years and in some cases vacationing with are the same fraters that we meet through our membership in TKE. I urge everyone of you to consider what you can do to make a difference, to be a positive factor in the success of Delta-Nu on the campus of NWMSU.

Join today, and get involved, then enjoy the success of your efforts as a member of the DNAA.

Steven L. Brightwell, Membership Chairman, ΔN 775





## 2020 Memorial Golf Tournament Update

It is with much regret that I have to share with you that the 2020 TKE Golf Tournament and Triangle Awards, scheduled for May 29th, has officially been canceled. With too many unknowns and only a week or so left, we were forced to make a difficult decision. When we put the event 'on hold' in mid-March, a list of things needed to happen to allow us to be able to host the type of event we've come to expect. And unfortunately, too many of those things still need to change in order for us to be able to gather in a large 100-person crowd and host our traditional event.

Although state restrictions are beginning to soften, particularly in Missouri, we still did not have the green light we were hoping to have by last week. Moreover, with our alumni base spanning multiple cities, towns, and states, we have a lot of situations and restrictions to take into consideration. Everything about what makes our day great, being social and gathering, is still with restriction. So, as we look to help protect the safety and health of our alumni, families, and friends, we cannot move ahead as hoped.

We will continue to do our best to find an alternative date for later in 2020, but, so far, we've been unsuccessful due to the numerous weddings, tournaments, and events that needed rescheduling. And if we're not able to gather in 2020...you can expect 2021 will be a comeback like no other! I hope this note finds you and your family happy and healthy.

Brent Steffens, Golf Chairman, ΔN 1384



## Service Project/Bowling Tournament



This year we combined the DNAA Annual meeting with the Alumni Community Service project and the Annual Bowling Tournament. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, participating alumni joined with a large contingent of active chapter members at Harvesters – the Community Food Network to sort and pack cases of food for hungry families and elderly in the Kansas City region.

The event kicked off with the DNAA Annual Meeting in the Harvesters conference facility. Then, after a brief lunch for our group, we hit the assembly line with a vengeance and during our shift we packed over 40 pallets of food. That's hundreds of cases of canned and dry foods that will benefit needy recipients. Everyone found it to be a gratifying and enjoyable experience.

Following the Harvesters service project, we traveled over to The Main Event entertainment complex in Independence for the annual TKE Bowling Tournament. The move to the Main Event was a major and welcome upgrade for our event. It's a new and upscale location with restaurant and bar, table service, and a deluxe bowling facility. All proceeds from the Bowling Tournament go to support the Delta Nu Scholarship fund at Northwest to encourage scholastic achievement in the collegiate membership and incent TKE House occupancy. It was a great way to end a memorable and gratifying day.

Doug Schieber, Service Chairman, ΔN 931





## Summer and Fall Alumni Events

As summer approaches & professional baseball starts back up in Kansas City, please plan on joining alumni association on July 18th Saturday for the KC Royals versus Boston Red Socks game.

When fall arrives, come join the alumni for the football games at Arrowhead stadium and for homecoming. We encourage all fraters to reach out to their lost pledge brothers to invite them and their families to come join in the celebration.

Game dates and times have not yet been setup yet, so please watch for emails from us with the updated information. The Delta Nu Alumni Association will provide hot dogs and chips for all fraters registered.

If anyone is in the local area or wishes to join the other alumni early for the full homecoming experience. The fraters will be doing a meet and greet at the TKE house on Saturday morning following the parade.

Tony Dorrel, Social Chairman, ΔN 920



## TKE House Status Report

The Delta Nu Property Board has had an eventful 2019-20 academic year. We had enough actives live in the house to generate enough cash to begin paying the frater investors on their promissory notes used to pay off the mortgage. These fraters have been graciously waiting to be repaid of the remaining \$200,000+ in debt we have before we own the Teke House! The TKE Scholarship grants seem to really make a difference in encouraging undergrads to live in the house. For the 2020-21 school year, we have 15 signed housing contracts for the entire school year. This number is enough to cover all of our fixed and variable costs for the 20-21 school year....if we have classes on campus in the fall.

In terms of the house itself we had to do some repair work to the front area and were fortunate to have Frater Joe Sanders ΔN1559 to do some repair to the brickwork and front steps that had settled and needed attention. In the future, we would like to be able to sandblast the flagpole and have it repainted and have some concrete repair work done on the front drive and parking lot. These things would keep the front of the house looking nice but we are conserving our cash until we know more about the fall.

The Coronavirus issues that shuttered the campus and schools across the country caused us to provide a refund credit of \$650+ dollars to be applied to next fall's rent bill to those living in the house. To help conserve cash, almost all of the residents chose that option versus a cash refund. This will make next year's budget tight but manageable if the campus is open in August.

There are plans to have some activities during Homecoming this Fall which may include the TKE House, so look for future communication on those plans and we look forward to seeing everyone at that time to truly celebrate brotherhood in person!

Dave Teeter, Property Chairman, ΔN 901





## Capital Improvements Update

We have more than 370 fraters that have supported Capital Improvements with donations totaling \$338,893 over the last 25 years and 187 fraters having a brick on the Teke for Life Wall. While that is a great accomplishment, only 80 fraters have donated in the last 10 years with fewer than 35 men donating more than \$2,000 to support Capital Improvements

The "TKE House Capital Improvement Fund" provides support only for "Capital Improvements" to the fraternity house. Contributions to the "TKE House Capital Improvement Fund" will be recognized on the "The Richard W. Wiles ΔN 365 Teke for Life Alumni Donor Wall" in the form of bricks placed on the wall, commemorating Fraters' contribution to the future of Delta Nu's physical presence at Northwest Missouri State University.

To view the current roster of Fraters with bricks on the Donors Wall, go to [www.NWTKE.com](http://www.NWTKE.com). Plans for this fund, once properly funded, include both short (1-3 yrs.) and long term (5-10 yrs.) permanent improvements to the house and grounds. The Board of Advisors is currently compiling a list of ideas, big and small to add to our house and improve its functionality, durability and overall fraternity experience for our members and alumni.

Funds will NOT be used for ongoing operating expenses, utilities, mortgage payments, etc. Per the Alumni Board, those expenses rest solely on the shoulders of the active chapter through collection of rent and parlor fees from the chapter members.

### Memorial Funds and Bricks

Fraters can donate to Delta Nu memorial funds in the name of Fraters that have entered the Chapter Eternal. Once an individual Memorial Fund reaches \$500, a brick will be placed on the Memorial Teke for Life Alumni Wall in the chapter room of the TKE House. Funds donated to Memorial Funds go into Capital Improvements as well as Memorial Mulligans sold at the annual Delta Nu Memorial Scramble go towards Capital Improvements Funds too.

### Donors Bricks

Originated fifteen years ago with the construction of the new TKE House and continuing today with donations to the chapter, donors will have a brick engraved with their name and scroll once their donation level reached \$500..

#### Level Amount

ΔN Prytanis Club	\$10,000 and Up
ΔN Founders Club	\$7,500-\$9,999
ΔN Triangle Club	\$5,000-\$7,499
Teke for Life Club	\$2,500-\$4,999
Apollo Club	\$1,000-\$2,499
Cherry & Gray Club	\$500-\$999
Delta Nu Donor Club	Under \$500

Keith Jorgensen, Capital Improvement Chairman, ΔN 438



## TKE Scholarship Fund

The TKE Delta Nu Active Members Scholarship is available to any collegiate member of TKE Delta Nu in good standing that meets the criteria for the scholarship program. This scholarship total \$10,000 per school year, awarded to those Delta Nu Fraters meeting the criteria. The 2nd phase of this scholarship is to award scholarship money to incoming freshman males as a way to identify and recognize high potential new members for the fall semester.

We know higher performing students are both concerned about costs to join a Fraternity and very attracted to the possibility of scholarship money. This scholarship approach provides at least three benefits: 1) it provides motivation to potential new members if they join and meet the other conditions; 2) it helps in encouraging current members to live in the house for all years in school and 3) it differentiates between very high GPA's and high GPA's, which may enable us to recruit and maintain a higher chapter GPA. Attracting men committed to scholastic effort and to personal growth highlights our emphasis on education and leadership. Chapter GPA is the largest factor in the university's new assessment tool (known as the Greek Performance Scorecard, or "GPS") that ranks each Greek organization on its performance.

The next award will be given for the fall 2020 - 2021 academic year. The fund for the TKE Delta Nu Active Members Scholarship was established by Delta Nu in 1989 through the Northwest Foundation and is still the only scholarship fund from a Northwest fraternity.

The scholarship is awarded through contributions to the fund. Donations to this fund are tax deductible through the Northwest (Missouri State University) Foundation. As more contributions to the fund come in, increased amounts can be given in scholarship funding.

Gunner Sumy, Scholarship Chairman, ΔN 1564





**What is the Fraternity for Life?**

At your formal initiation, you began to discover the meaning of our brotherhood. During your membership training and at initiation you learned the heritage of our Fraternity. Your commitment to the Bond of our fraternity and your pledge to be the Fraternity for Life signify your dedication to the principles of TKE. You learned about the symbolism of ritual, the significance of the Triangle, the secret password and handshake. There is one final secret revealed only to those attaining the Fraternity for Life. It is a secret that has been demonstrated to you throughout your membership and yet is still unknown to you.

**To learn about the power of TKE as the Fraternity for Life please plan to join us for the virtual FFL Ritual.**

**When:** May 21, 2020 from 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Because of the overwhelming interest of alumni who didn't participate in a Fraternity for Life Ritual, TKE is hosting a Virtual Fraternity for Life Celebration for any alumnus who are interested. This Celebration recognizes the importance of each Frater's contribution to the Fraternity from collegiate member to alumni member of TKE.

The Fraternity for Life Celebration will be hosted by TKE Director of Alumni Engagement Chris Niles, with Pacific Northwest Grand Province Advisor Kyle Erdman, Hoosier Province Grand Province Advisor Thomas Geary and Apollo Province Grand Province Advisor Edwin Robinson.

**Important Note: This celebration is at 7 pm Central.**

**Who's Invited:** Any TKE Alumnus and it is free but a pre-registration is required for admittance.

**Registration/RSVP**

<https://tke.org/events/2020/05/21/virtual-fraternity-for-life-for-alumni>

*Note: You will need to create a free Zoom account.*

## Virtual Fraternity for Life



## Alumni Profile – John Schroder



Frater John Schroder, ΔN 382 is from Hebren, Nebraska, and graduated from Hebren High School. While attending NWMSC, Schroder originally set out to acquire a degree in Business, but ultimately found himself getting a B.S in Psychology and a Masters in Guidance and Counseling.

During his time at Northwest, Frater Schroder focused heavily on three things: Academics, Work, and TEKE. Arriving at Northwest, his dorm roommate, Frater Bruce Templer, initially pledged Tau Kappa Epsilon and the next semester he invited John to the house and to meet the guys ultimately inviting him to all their events. After an intense recruitment process, John Schroder officially became a part of Tau Kappa Epsilon in 1965.



While in TKE, Frater Schroder says that Bob Cotter and Bob Dickey were influencers at the time, not only to him, but the entire chapter John Schroder could also be credited with one of the Top TKE stories of the ages. During a “Pledge Dump”, Schroder and company were given Ron Jones and Dwayne Hankins. The only rules were that you had to drop them off at least 10 miles from a TKE Chapter and be retrieved by fellow pledges, so why not drive them to the TKE Chapter at Oklahoma State University. Leaving at 10 PM with Jones and Hankins handcuffed together in the backseat, they arrived at the Oklahoma border. When stopping to take a picture with the Welcome to Oklahoma sign, Jones and Hankins still handcuffed escaped, and ran to a near by farm house. Jones and Hankins asked the owner to use their phone and a hacksaw to get the handcuffs off. The concerned homeowner called authorities and a warrant was issued for Schroder and company in the state of Oklahoma. This made National news!

Frater Schroder had an interesting exit from the college life. Before the ink could even dry on his diploma, he was 1 of 50,000 men that were being sent each month over to the war in Vietnam in 1966. He remembers the intensity and being bombarded every night at two in the morning and it ruining his beauty sleep. After returning from the ordeal, he went back to school and received his Masters in Guidance and Counseling in 1970-1971. Frater Schroder 's first job was in St. Joseph, Missouri where would stay for 30 years, the majority of the time at Central High School where he became Department Chairman.

While delivering pizza from Pagliai's one Saturday evening, Schroder met his soon to be wife, Carolyn, and they have been together for almost 53 years. He claims that the key to marriage is a tolerant wife and if you can find one, keep her! Being retired for almost 20 years, Frater Schroder has had some medical issues but despite those setbacks, he demonstrates love, charity, and esteem through his impeccable character.

Frater John feels the biggest thing that TKE gave to him was the sense of belonging. Coming from a small town, he didn't quite have that sense of community at the start of his time at Northwest. It was when he joined TKE that he felt not only a connection to the men in the chapter, but to the University too.

Garrett Niemeier, Frater Profile Editor, ΔN 1702





## Alumni Profile – Arthur Jablonski



Frater Arthur Jablonski ΔN 604 is from Cicero, Illinois, and graduated from JS Morton High School. While attending NWMSC, Jablonski wasn't quite sure what to major in. He then decided to go down the Liberal Arts route, and take a Business minor with it. Jablonski would then go on to receive his B.S in Liberal Arts along with his minor in Business. During his time at Northwest, Frater Jablonski spent most of his time working in the Registrar's Office, while in the summers, a welding shop. One day, Jablonski saw a couple of gentlemen pulled over on the side of the road in a Volkswagen Beetle, and decided to pull over and help out. Little did he know, this would be the beginning of his Tau Kappa Epsilon journey.

After helping the group of guys with their broken down car, Jablonski was then invited to the TKE house multiple times by the group of guys. Once he began to bond with the guys, it would be in 1972 that Arthur Jablonski joined Tau Kappa Epsilon. He initiated into the Delta Nu Chapter of TKE on January 23, 1973 and graduated NWMSU 1975.

While in TKE, Frater Jablonski states that it was his pledge pop Mark Worth, and the Hegemon at the time Mark Harmon who really influenced him in his time at Tau Kappa Epsilon. Worth and Harmon just knew how to get you motivated and encouraged you in anything you did. He also remembers some of the great adventures that would occur during his time in Tau Kappa Epsilon. The pledge trip to Sioux City, Iowa was pretty memorable as nobody knew where they were going at first. The Fraters all pulled up to what they believed was finally the TKE house and all walked inside. Unfortunately, they stumbled upon a personal residence which was a little embarrassing. Frater Jablonski also enjoyed the pledge skip to Wathena, Kansas. At this time, you could drink at the age of 18 and everybody would basically go to Kansas to drink.

With that being said, the pledge skip to Wathena, Kansas, was a great time of brotherhood over tasty and LEGAL alcoholic beverages. During this time, Frater Jablonski remembers the Vietnam War as he was there during the end of student deferments. He remembers a student that lived next door who drew #1 and was gone in 6 weeks. Jablonski even remembers when the Student Radio Station would announce the draft number that you were given. At the time, numbers were given based upon your date of birth. After college, Frater Jablonski would go to work with a marketing company and then switch into banking. The next 40 years would involve Jablonski in the banking business working in the Financial Services Industry with Northern Trust Company managing many different operating areas and rising to Chief Operations Officer, Senior Vice President, and Director of Northern Private Limited LTD Asia Pacific. Art and his wife Karen of 40 years, lived in Bangalore India for 3 years building and running the business. In addition, he also served as President and Director of the Northern Trust Company of New York. Mr. Jablonski retired in 2017 as the Head of Internal Accounting Control.

Frater Jablonski says that the key to marriage is quite simple, and that is to give them what they want. He retired last year from the banking business and since then has purchased a bunch of farms over the years, and is now in the farming business post retirement and spends most of his time managing 280 acres of farmland 75 miles South of his home in Naperville Illinois.

Garrett Niemeier, Frater Profile Editor, ΔN 1702



## Chapter Eternal



# IN MEMORIAM

We have received news of the passing of the following Fraters.  
Please remember them and their loved ones  
in your thoughts and prayers.

Frater	Scroll	Pledged	Passed
Craig Bonner	658	1974 Spring	July 18, 2018
Dr. Ben Westman	707	1975 Spring	January 10, 2020
Timothy P. McQuinn	624	1973 Spring	March 22, 2020
Eric J. Humar	679	1974 Fall	March 18, 2020





## A Thank You Note to My Fraternity

A thank you note to my fraternity, on Founder's Day of our great Chapter, Delta Nu. Today is our fraternity chapter's founder's day. The chapter was chartered on May 15, 1954 at Northwest Missouri State College. When I attended Northwest, I never thought I'd be a fraternity man, but now and then, life hands you a beautiful unexpected opportunity. I joined TKE in January 1974, and I had no idea at the time how much it would shape me. Few decisions have more dramatically altered the course of my life.

If your fraternity experience was anything like mine, then you probably get this. If you had a good experience – like mine – it changes you and makes you better. It was and still is a group of people and a series of events that alter your outlook. In honor of Founder's day, I would take the opportunity to say "Thank you". Maybe you can relate to some of these. If not, please excuse this self-indulgent letter.

Fraters of TKE Delta Nu Chapter, Northwest Missouri State University,

Thank you for giving me a place to belong when I needed one the most.

Thank you for teaching me to work in a team, even when I wasn't a terrific team player.

Thank you for allowing me to learn what lifetime commitment means!

Thank you for showing me the bond we build by doing positive, productive work together.

Thank you for the annual donation opportunity that reminds me that I shouldn't be part of something I am unwilling to financially support.

Thank you for introducing me to the Daughter of Diana who I dated me all thru college and whom for the last 43 years, has been my wonderful wife!

Thank you for giving me my best friends. I wouldn't have met them without you, and they are one of the greatest treasures of my life.

Thank you for a few great war stories – especially the one in which I ...never mind.

But, most of all, thank you for giving me the structure and the opportunity to pay something forward. You taught me that the best things in life are those things you give away. You've given me countless opportunities to reinforce the values of our fraternity, and that has made me a better person.

Proud to be a Delta Nu Teke.

Brad Shelton, Alumni Assn and Property Treasurer, ΔN 651

