

# The Delta Nu Review

Spring 2022 Issue

The alumni newsletter for Delta Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity



Delta Nu Alumni Association Tau Kappa Epsilon Brian Carroll, President Delta Nu alumni Association



Greetings Fraters,

Since our last DN Review, we have weathered another COVID variant but hopefully we have turned the corner and can return to in-person functions.

The Delta Nu Alumni Association has been working hard with monthly virtual meeting to our Annual Meeting keeping the organization moving forward. We plan to reschedule events with an emphasis on safety and attendance. To all of the Delta Nu Volunteers serving on the various boards and committees, thank you very much for your continued interest and dedication.

Our goal is to plan and execute great social and community service events, like the annual TKE golf outing in Maryville or the Harvester Project this spring. Details are posted on social media and emails containing secure links enable you to register for this year's events!

VOLUNTEERS are always welcome, we have a need for some board officer and committee chairmanships. If you have a skill and are willing to get more involved, reach out to me or Brad Shelton to see were your talents might fit.

I encourage each of us to reach out to at least one pledge brother or fellow fraters to check in and invite them to reconnect.

Yours In the Bond,

Brian Carroll Alumni Association Board President (1354) Briancarroll1354@gmail.com

#### In this issue . . .

- Committee reports
- Active Chapter update
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- Upcoming Events

... and much more



### **Alumni Association Update**

I am happy to report that the DNAA, Chapter and Property are all in a great place! DNAA membership is up, event participation is up, chapter size is up, GPA is up and the House is financially solid! You will see evidence of these statements throughout this newsletter. That said, we do have some areas we can improve!

#### I have 6 points I want to share with you!

- 1. There is a need for continued donations and support for the TKE Active Chapter Undergraduate Scholarship and to support the Teke for Life Capital Improvement Fund. To learn more go here <a href="https://www.nwtke.com/donation-opportunities/">https://www.nwtke.com/donation-opportunities/</a>
- 2. The Delta Nu Website is updated but we need a dedicated website manager to help set direction for the future of this platform. To check out the new look click here www.NWTKE.com
- 3. We are now everywhere on Social Media but we need a Social Media Chairman. These social media links are an effort to get more information out in a timely manner. We have Twitter and Instagram accounts and a members only Facebook page. We have a new LinkedIn page and we ask all to go here and join with your updated career listings <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3077408/">https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3077408/</a>
- 4. We want to offer social gatherings in areas outside of Kansas City but we need volunteers to host in Des Moines, Omaha, St Louis, Chicago and Phoenix. Please contact Tony Dorrel at <a href="mailto:anthony.dorrel@fedex.com">anthony.dorrel@fedex.com</a>
- 5. We need complete, accurate contact information on our alumni to continue the outreach. The following secure web page link is available for you to update your contact info. <a href="https://www.nwtke.com/delta-nu-alumni-contact-update-form">https://www.nwtke.com/delta-nu-alumni-contact-update-form</a>
- 6. If you are not currently a dues paying member of the DNAA, you might aske, "Why should I join the DNAA and what do I get for my money? **Nobody likes paying dues**, and the volunteer Frater tasked to collect would rather being doing something else. Paying and collecting money is rarely a fun experience. For many, joining the Alumni Assn and paying further dues after paying the fees as an active can seem like a waste. When asked to join by fellow Teke, the prevailing question becomes "Why Are Alumni Assn Dues Important?" It's a fair question with a simple and fundamental answer: because as an interested member of this organization, it's your duty to contribute to its continued operations. Like paying taxes to old Uncle Sam, although everyone would gladly sign up for tax-exemption status if they could, paying these "citizen fees" is an act of contributing to the whole, the greater good if you will. Look at the Annual Meeting Report and Budget for 2022 on how we spend your dues money!

YITB, Kirby Luke Communications Chairman (926)





### **Alumni Association Annual Mtg Report**

The Delta Nu Alumni Association held our Annual Meeting via Zoom on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM. In attendance were 25 officers and members along with 4 undergraduates. Good representation but we invite all to join these meetings. Starting in May, we will have meetings every other month. For how you can attend via Zoom, reach out to President Brian Carroll at <a href="mailto:briancarroll1354@gmail.com">briancarroll1354@gmail.com</a>.

Minutes for previous meeting were submitted and approved and we heard the Treasurer Report, Alumni Membership Report, Active Chapter Report, House Report, Capital Improvements Report, Delta Nu Review Update, Social Chairman Update, TKE Scholarship Report and Website Update. Summaries of each are later in this Review. New Business was discussed. It was reported that each Board, Chapter Advisory (BOA), Property and Alumni Assn and asked to select a Top TKE Alumnus for 2021. The BOA and Chapter board selected Dave Cox for their Top Teke. The Property Board selected Mike Clark as their Top Teke and the Alumni Association selected Tony Dorrel as our Top Teke for 2021. Congratulations to each of the recipients. A vote was taken to approve the current budget and was passed. A vote for the slate of officers was taken and approved Next meeting is May 18th at 7:30 pm CDT then July, then September.

#### Upcoming Events – We have a new Calendar function on the web site we hope to roll out this week.

- Royals game: We haven't purchased tickets yet awaiting final information which will follow soon on the Facebook page and other social media.
- Summer Golf event: June 2-4th Details on this later in the newsletter.
- Summer party: Date TBD in September in KC
- Homecoming: Oct 16 22 @ NWMSU

#### 2022 Alumni Association Board Officers

Year Expire	Scroll	Name and Title
2023	1354	Brian Carroll - Alumni Board President
2023	1552	Nate Beaver - Alumni Board Vice-President
2025	905	OPEN - Recording Secretary
2025	651	Brad Shelton - Treasurer Alumni Assn
2024	276	Mark Witthar - Triangle Award Chairman
2023	926	Kirby Luke - Communications Chairman
2025	1564	Bill Adams - Philanthropic TKE Scholarship Chairman
2024	438	Keith Jorgensen - Capital Improvements TFL Wall Chairman
2023	920	Tony Dorrel - Social Chairman
2024	775	Steve Brightwell - DNAA Membership Chairman

Projected Income 2022 Income from Dues							
Type of	Number to	Amount of	Total Raised in				
Membership	sign up	Membership	2022				
1Yr	7	\$50	\$350				
3Yr	37	\$105	\$3,885				
5Yr	1	\$160	\$160				
10Yr	1	\$300	\$300				
LifeTime	2	Up to \$1,000	\$1,000				
	48		\$5,695				
		2021 Exp Actual	2022 Exp Budget				
Operating Expenses Total		\$2,746	\$2,000				
WebSite Expenses Total		\$2,150	\$1,500				
DataBase Expenses Total		\$1,125	\$1,000				
Social Expenses Total		\$100	\$1,000				
	<b>Grand Total</b>	\$6,121	\$5,500				
	Net Profit/Loss		\$195				





### **Active Chapter Report – Spring 2022**





The 2021-2022 school year has seen an expansion of the chapter size despite Covid restricted recruitment. This was accomplished by several members of the chapter working hard encouraging friends to join us. Although we experienced some setbacks throughout the year, I am confident the chapter is better and stronger with these new members. As the Delta-Nu Chapter Prytanis, I am proud to have these gentlemen of TEKE brothers in the bond.

We are very thankful for the financial support from the alumni this past year, including the special funding to repair the driveway and entrance to the property funded by a special donation from one alumnus Frater. Our trip to Regional Leadership Conference (RLC) this past February was supported with donations from the Delta Nu Special Projects Fund and the Scholarships provided for academic excellence from the Teke Active Scholarship Fund were greatly appreciated. I know for a fact that the guys who attended RLC had an amazing time and got a lot of good ideas from our sessions at RLC

Recently we have had the chance to visit Jon Cundiff, Christopher Holder and Jeff Rice who stopped by the house for a few hours. We would love to see some more alumni stop by at our chapter meetings!

Our recruitment has been going slower this semester with IFC providing no formal recruitment period, but we have been working hard making contacts on campus. We invited the Delta Sigma Phi's over for a March Madness social gathering to broaden our networking and develop more fraternal friendship. We have recently finished presenting to all the officer boards of all of the sororities on campus and reintroducing the chapter. Thank you for all the support you provide to the chapter and to our individual members!

YITB, Landyn Cowger Active Chapter Prytanis (1737)





### **TKE Foundation – Thank You!**

#### Dear Fraters,

The 2022 Regional Leadership Conference in Chicago granted our members some great learning opportunities. We developed our leadership abilities within our chapter and networked with other TKE chapters to determine what works. For many of our members, this was the first exposure to some of the operations and functions of the International Fraternity. Your contribution and dedication to our chapter through the Delta Nu Special Projects Fund allowed us to send more members and increase the learning.

Our Executive and Officer Board is continuously looking for ways to improve our chapter. The Regional Leadership Conference put things in perspective for many of our members, with regard to what it takes to be selected a Top TKE Chapter and how to achieve this. Thank you for your support in equipping our members with the knowledge to be a successful chapter.

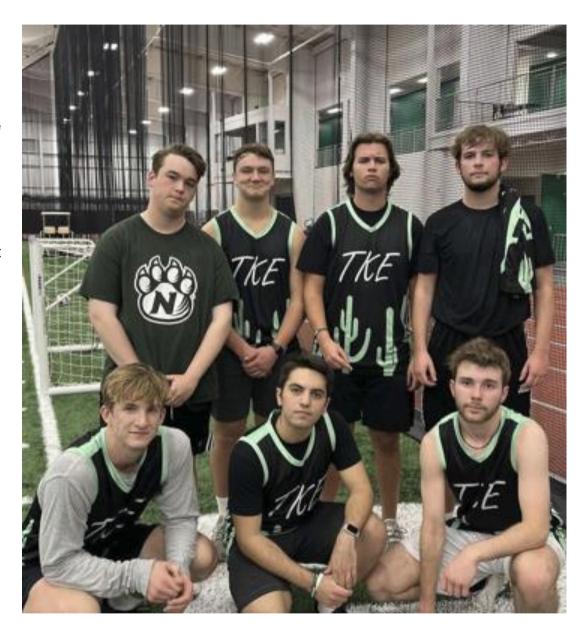
YITB, Joseph M. Etheridge (1729)

#### Dear Alumni Fraters,

I want to thank all the Alumni for allowing the Delta Nu chapter to attend the recent TKE Regional Leadership Conference in Chicago, IL. We had a rewarding experience which I believe will help us improve the chapter and assist with future recruitment. Obviously, the makeup of the active chapter changes from year to year as members graduate and we initiate new members into the fraternity. It has been an incredible two years since I joined TKE and I and excited to see what we can accomplish in the next two years.

As House Manager, I cannot stress enough how important your work and support are to provide affordable living options at the TKE house. Your generosity supports the improvements and repairs needed to keep the house a showcase at NWMSU. I can't wait to meet some of you during the TKE House Workday near the end of this semester. I hope to see you then!

YITB, Blake Leasure (1730)



Tax Deductable TKE Foundation: Delta Nu Special Projects Fund https://www.tke.org TKE Foundation: /chapter/209/delta-nu Delta Nu Alumni support through the TKE Foundation!





### **Northwest Foundation - Thank You!**

Dear TKE Alumni,

During my recruitment to join Tau Kappa Epsilon, I was told how much this fraternity appreciates and focuses on academics. It is nice to see that working hard and succeeding in school is really rewarded.

Thank you all so much for all your support through donations to the Teke Active Chapter Scholarship and for the efforts you put into the fraternity as alumni. It is really appreciated by every active member knowing we have a strong alumni looking out for us.

With regard to the house, a special thanks for the new driveway. It looks amazing and is something that has benefited the house physically but also to everyone of the house residents. It is nice to be proud of how our amazing house looks so truly thank you Fraters for providing the funding to fix that. Thank you all for all that you do!

YITB,

Caleb Goodwin (1740)

Dear Alumni,

I wanted to thank you for creating the opportunity for me to be a TKE. The fraternity has really broadened my education. When I first joined, academics were the number one priority and remain so today and even before initiation, I was helped with my classes by my fellow brothers. I learned how they've dealt with class schedules and it has really helped me. TKE has already had a huge impact on me with my responsibilities in the chapter. As the chapter Crysophylos, I have learned organization skills that have helped me remain on top of things. Lastly, I wanted to extend my thanks to you, the TEKE alumni, for helping with the opportunity to learn and grow as a Teke! Thank you.

YITB,

Brandon Wooten (1745)

Hello TKE Alumni,

As one of the recipients of the Teke scholarship, I am sending this message to express my gratitude for the Active Chapter Scholarship. If it weren't for your support of the TKE scholarship fund, I would not be able to join TKE.

Thank you for providing the donations to support this scholarship and me through this year. A huge thank you for all of the time you put into the TKE house here in Maryville. We can proudly say we have the nicest and biggest house on campus all thanks to all the time and support you have provided. Please know that we appreciate our alumni very much. Thank you, Fraters.

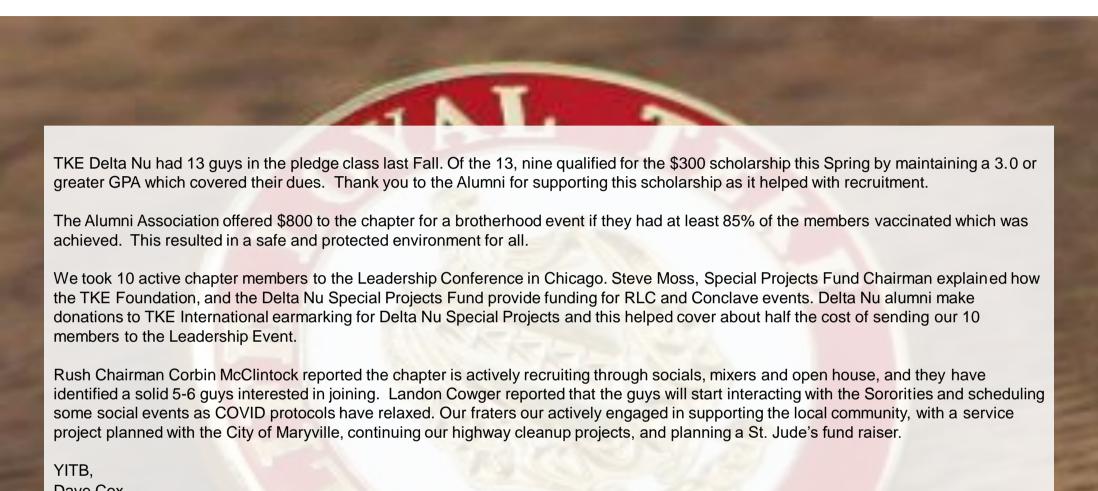
YITB.

Salvatore Bonadonna (1743)





### **Chapter Advisor Report**



YITB,
Dave Cox
BOA Chairman and Chapter Advisor (960)





### **Delta Nu Housing Corporation Report**

The Delta Nu Housing Corporation (DNHC) continued its efforts, in 2021, to maintain the property and keep it a place where actives can thrive and alumni can proudly claim a connection to the legacy. A summary of DNHC actions over the last 6 months status are provided below.

There are eight current men living at the TKE house this Spring while 13 lived there during Fall 2021. DNHC worked with the DNAA and a single Frater donor to replace our aged driveway and build a custom fire pit pad to the north of the house (see pictures). The fire pit is an ongoing project but funding has been approved to finish it out before the summer golf outing. A new washing machine was purchased to replace an aged/broken unit along with many water/electrical repairs/improvements to reduce impact of rising utility costs. We have developed a 2022-23 property improvement list and priorities (sidewalks & steps replacements are major needs while internal painting, storage shed, dumpster doors and window screens are being considered for work weekends, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED). The roof is showing its age and will be needing consideration in the near future.

We will enter the 2022-23 school year with two vacant positions on the DNHC. We currently need to fill the President and will need a Vice President as of April 1, 2022. Please contact Ron Edwards if you are interested in any of these positions (or with recommendations).

DNHC finances continue to be challenging given the low number of actives staying in the house. Fall 2021 rush provided some potential improvement for 2022-23 but long-term growth (we have a goal of 18+ living in the house for Fall 2022) is still needed to enable property goals and priorities.

- Current checking/savings: \$14,127
- Anticipated balance May 1, 2022: \$10,000
  - Does not include potential expenses for maintenance mentioned above.

New house contracts were sent out in January we have 15 signed contracts and expect 2 more soon.

YITB, Ron Edwards Property Board Acting President (874)









### **2021 Capital Improvements Campaign**

Fraters, greetings from Capital Improvements. This note is an overview of the goals and objectives for "CI", both long-term and short-term. One of the first things to understand is what Capital Improvements is and what it is not. It is for improvements or enhancements to the TKE house or property. It is not about making repairs around the house. Repairs like appliance or roof replacement need to be paid from income generated by rent and parlor fees. This is why encouraging our undergraduate fraters to live in the house is so important. Alumni Fraters, both living and deceased, are recognized for their lifetime donations to "CI" on the "Teke for Life Wall" in the Chapter Room. There are 7 levels of donor reflecting the total amount of individual lifetime donations starting at \$500. Chapter Eternal Fraters may be recognized by a donation in his name.

Recently, Capital Improvement funds were used to repair the driveway entry of the house, but this project was paid for thru a directed donation specifically for this purpose! Funding for completion of the fire pit and installation of two basketball hoops are underway for this spring.

Replacing the large screen in the chapter room with a motorized one is scheduled for the spring too. With input from the Property Board and the BOA with requests from the undergrad chapter, a list of potential Capital Improvements projects is being created.

The "CI" committee is working to create a condensed web page for the website to better explain Capital Improvements, its function and how to make donations. Delta Nu has been blessed to have generous fraters making donations to "CI" over the years. We thank them for making Delta Nu what it is today. Donations to "CI" differ from those made to our scholarship funds. "CI" donations are not tax deductible and it takes a generous heart and a true commitment to our brotherhood when making a donation. We thank you!

Fraters, let us continue to make Delta Nu a chapter to be proud of with an excellent TKE house and property. We must maintain our beautiful house and make it an inviting place to live. Look for more information about Capital Improvements on the website in the near future. Again, thank you for your generous contributions!

YITB,
Keith Jorgensen
Capital Improvements and TEKE for Life Wall Chairman (438)





### TKE Chapter Scholarship '22-'23

Delta-Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon offers scholarship awards through tax deductible contributions to the Northwest Foundation Inc received from TEKE alumni and friends of the Delta-Nu Chapter. To qualify for use by TKE Delta Nu, the donation needs to be earmarked for the

#### TKE DELTA NU ACTIVES SCHOLARSHIP

https://nwmissouri.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/ScholarX\_DonorDetails.aspx?donorid=17783

For the Fall 2022 / Spring 2023 School Year there are the following Active Member Scholarships all paid out of the TKE Delta Nu Actives Scholarship.

**Current Active Member Scholarship** – For initiated members of the chapter who are full time students in good standing with the chapter, live in the TKE house, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better

**Fall Semester New Member Scholarship -** Recipients are not required to live in the house. They may be unable to live in house until the following school year because they have a contract to finish the school year in their current residence. They will also be required to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or greater.



#### Delta Nu's goal of our Active Member Scholarships is to achieve the following:

- Increase awareness to <u>potential new members, actives and alumni</u> of the TKE scholarship fund held with The Northwest Foundation Inc.
- Develop an ongoing financial support system to get regular funding from TKE alumni to support the TKE Delta-Nu Actives Scholarship Fund, working toward a fully endowed scholarship fund.
- > Reward multiple active Delta-Nu Tekes for excelling academically.
- Reward recipients for commitment to the chapter by: living the values of the fraternity, living in the TKE House, setting an example for good scholarship habits at the house and taking a regular active role in the chapter and campus leadership positions, chapter activities and programs.

In our new environment it is important to our standing with the university to maintain overall high chapter GPA. Many higher performing students are aware of scholarships available to them. This would help offset their TKE dues and make TKE more attractive financially.

Our goal for this year is to continue to raise funds to further expand the number of scholarships we offer to the Active Chapter. We are looking at expanding scholarships for other chapter and campus leadership qualities other than GPA.

YITB, Bill Adams Scholarship Chairman (905)





### **Delta Nu AA Membership Report**

Our current membership roster stands at 185 with 21 lifetime members 10 deceased and 75 expired memberships.

Organized in 2005, the Delta-Nu Alumni Association is governed by the TKE Alumni Assn Board is responsible for assisting and promoting alumni activities, thereby offering opportunities for alumni to stay connected and engaged. Our main focus is the hosting of social events in various geographic areas such as the TKE Delta-Nu Memorial Scramble at Mozingo, the Fall TKE golf tournament in Kansas City, TKE Bowling tournament, TKE night at the Royals, Chiefs tailgate party, MIAA Tournament Bearcat Basketball get togethers, NWMSU Homecoming activities and at least one yearly community service project such as volunteering at Harvesters for the Hungry. We want to expand these gatherings to other parts of the Midwest and are looking for alumni in different cities to take charge of organizing those events, of course with financial and logistical support from the Alumni Association. Please contact me at <a href="mailto:thebitedoctor@yahoo.com">thebitedoctor@yahoo.com</a> if this is something you would like to help with.

Your Alumni Association is also very much involved in promoting a positive image of our fraternity at NWMSU. You can be especially proud of how Delta-Nu is represented on campus. This is assured because the Board of Advisors is directly involved in oversight of the local chapter offering general guidance to our undergraduate members via leadership training opportunities, the awarding of scholarships and promotion of philanthropic activities. Alumni volunteers such as David Cox serving as Chapter Advisor, Property Board Acting President Ron Edwards and Property Board Treasurer, Jon Cundiff overseeing the health and viability of the TKE House, Capital Improvements chairman Keith Jorgensen advising the Board with our Capital Improvement needs and fraters Bill Adams and Dick Westbrook managing impressive scholarship funds that no other fraternity at NWMSU offer are just a few examples of the ways your alumni association is working. These things are possible because of alumni volunteers and donors. 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 your Alumni Associations Missions and Goals and where and how your donations and dues are allocated by visiting the Delta-Nu Alumni Association website at <a href="http://www.nwtke.com/content/alumni-association">http://www.nwtke.com/content/alumni-association</a>.

As for the future, our goal is to grow our current membership roster to 250 alumni dues paying alumni. This would generate about \$15,000 per year to support alumni social and communication activities and support for our chapter. We plan to achieve this by maintaining at least an 85% retention rate of our current members and actively recruiting and engaging new graduates as soon as they leave school. If you're reading this newsletter and your membership is coming due or perhaps even past due, please take a moment to renew your membership today.

Delta-Nu has been good to us and given us so many fond memories. Many of the friends I made back then are same ones I hangout with today. We attend sporting events, celebrate birthdays and weddings and attend New Years and the 4th of July events together. In some cases we even find ourselves vacationing together. This all happened because of our membership and involvement in TKE. I encourage each and everyone of you to consider what you can do to make a difference, to be a positive factor in the success of Delta-Nu.

1yr, 3yr, 5yr, 10yr, and Lifetime memberships are available. We have simplified the process allowing for online payments at <a href="http://www.nwtke.com/content/alumni-association">http://www.nwtke.com/content/alumni-association</a> or if you prefer, send your check to DNAA Treasurer Brad Shelton at 1805 Arabian Ave. Naperville IL 60565. Make your check payable to DNAA marked DNAA dues. Join today and get involved, then enjoy the success of your efforts as a member of the DNAA. Undergraduate member join free for the first year after graduation.

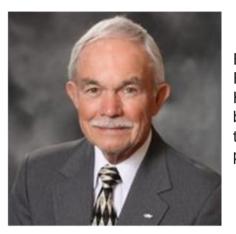
YITB, Steve Brightwell DNAA Membership Chairman (775)



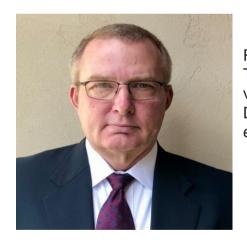


### **2021 Triangle Awards Update**

The results are in, and the 2022 Triangle Award winners have been chosen! This prestigious award will be presented at lunch prior to the golf tournament on June 3, 2022. We decided to move the award ceremony up to allow more Fraters to attend and to make it easier for family members to join the celebration and return home if they wish before it gets too late. For 2022 the winners are:



E.L. Reed, scroll #96. E.L. was nominated by Frater B.D. Owens. Frater Reed has been very successful in his life since graduating from Northwest. He owned his own company, Reeds Seeds in Chillicothe, Missouri and has been involved in several civic and professional organizations. During his time at Northwest, he also served in multiple organizations. Frater Reeds personal and professional accomplishments speak for themselves.



Roger Tullberg, scroll #856 was nominated by Frater Bill Adams. Frater Tullberg went to Maryville High and is a proud Spoofhound! Roger has been very successful in his professional career and has been very generous to Delta Nu with his monetary and personal time contributions. Frater Tullberg embodies all of our cherished ideals of love, charity, and esteem.

Please join us for the celebration of these two Fraters joining this prestigious group. There are now 40 Fraters that have been inducted into the Hall of Honor - Triangle Award up to and including the Class of 2022.

YITB, Mark Witthar Triangle Award Chairman (276)





### 2022 TKE Golf & Triangle Awards

#### **SAVE THE DATE Thursday June 2 – 4th**

If you haven't already, block your calendar for the annual TKE DN Memorial Scramble & Triangle Awards on Friday, June 3rd at Mozingo Lake Golf Course in Maryville! Online registration will open in a couple of weeks, so start building your 4-man teams today! And even if you're not a big golfer, there are plenty of reasons to make the trip to the 'Ville! Especially if you are a Teke of the 90's. Here's what's on the schedule for this year:

#### Thursday 6/2

1 pm — 2-Man Johnny U Scramble 7 pm — Happy Hour & Meet-Up

#### Friday 6/3

11 am — Golf Check-In & Warm-Ups Noon — Triangle Awards & Lunch

1 pm — Shotgun Start 18-Hole 4-Man Scramble 6:30 pm — TKE Alumni Smoker (Dinner & Drinks)

9 pm - Party Bus & Pub Hopping

#### Saturday 6/4

10:30 am — Open House 11 am — 90's Teke Reunion & All-Alumni Grill Out

Be sure to stay the night on Friday night so you can indulge without concern. A room block is reserved on-property at Cobblestone Inn & Suites from 6/2–6/5, so come in early and stay through the weekend. Reference 'TKE Golf' when you book. Be on the lookout for more news and announcements in the coming weeks. See ya soon!

Brent Steffens Golf Chairman (1384)







### **Alumni Profile – Forrest Schnobrich (280)**

Frater Forrest Paul Schnobrich (280) was born in 1942 at home in Avery, IA but moved to Casey, Iowa when he was 4 years old. He grew up in town and attended Casey High School and later Adair-Casey High School and was very athletic, lettering in baseball, track, football and basketball and was in Boys and Mixed Glee Clubs.

Upon graduation, he had a scholarship offer for basketball to Peru College, but he was concerned about the cost if the scholarship did not work out so he selected Northwest Missouri State University for his higher education. He started at Northwest in the fall of 1961 be he scouted them all out! At a rush party with the ASA Sorority, he marveled at all the beautiful women and was sold on Greek Life. He met Frater Bob Cotter (212) and Bob persuaded Forrest to become a Teke. During pledgeship, he met his best friend and pledge pop, Dale Cooper (110). "Frosty" as he was known then (became "Brick" when in the Army), was a Math major but switched his major to accounting with a minor in coaching. Later he switched to social science and added a class to be able to teach driver's education and used this training to teach summer school and driver's education.

Forrest lived in the Teke House at 222 West Cooper in 1963 in room 203 and remembers Mother Holman, the House Mother, very fondly and says these were some of the best times of his life. One big event that sticks out in his mind was the road trip the undergraduate chapter took to Stillwater, OK. He was driving his car and it broke down on the interstate, so they left it on the side of the road and jumped in with another carload of Tekes and kept trekking south! They had a wonderful time, staying at the Teke House in Stillwater and even attended a mixer while there!!! On the way back to Maryville, they picked up the car right where they had left it!

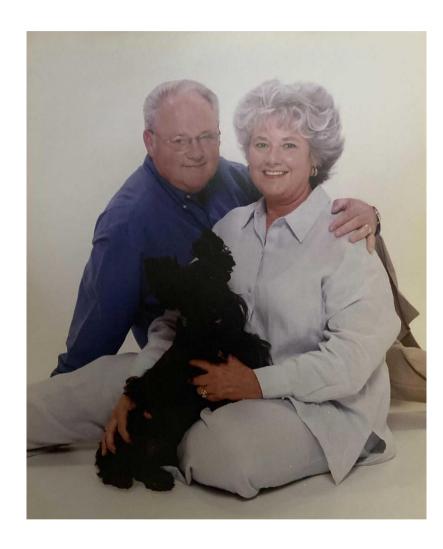
Upon graduation, Forrest taught economics and government at Atlantic High School and was the Assistant Basketball Coach and the Seventh Grade Football Coach. He moved to North English, IA, and taught government and world history and was the Assistant Football Coach and Head Boys' Basketball Coach. His last teaching/coaching job was at West Union where he was an Assistant Football Coach and world history teacher. He served in the US Army as an E-4 in a Heavy Artillery unit in Vietnam near the DMC on the Dong Ha Combat Base. His job was to use his math skills and calculate fire solutions to hit an enemy target in support of US Military units....mainly Marine units.

He returned to college at Northeast Missouri State (Truman State) and got a master's degree in Secondary Education to qualify as a high school principal in the summer of 1972.





### Alumni Profile - Forrest Schnobrich cont'd



In 1973, he had an opportunity to buy into a local independent insurance practice in Adair. He bought out the owner and continues to run the Insurance Store, LTD in Adair/Casey, now for almost 50 years. Frater "Brick" has held several volunteer leadership roles over the years. He is the past President of the Independent Insurance Agents of Iowa, and was selected the Agent of the Year back in 2017.

He is on the Guthrie County Foundation board (was president a number of years) which has projects to raise funds to support the Guthrie County Hospital for 15 years; currently is the president of the Guthrie County Youth Foundation that provides scholarships for graduating seniors that qualify at the high schools in Guthrie County and serves on the Board of the Gold Star Military Museum Foundation in Camp Dodge, IA. Due to serving on this board and many other organizations he was selected as an Outstanding Citizen in Iowa in 2017. He was named Citizen of the Year on the 125th Anniversary of Casey.

He has been Adair Lions Club President, Chamber of Commerce President in both Adair and Casey and the President of the UMC Church in Casey and was the Mayor of Casey for 22 years. He has been a member of the Delta Nu Alumni Assn for the last 14 years and has a brick on the Teke for Life wall at the house supporting Capital Improvements for the Delta Nu Teke House.

He is married to Carol Ann since 1993 and has 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren. Brick has season tickets for football at Northwest and makes it back to campus on a regular basis.

Frater Forrest says he saw TKE as an organization that prepared him for leadership roles later in life and it helped him to develop the self-confidence and public speaking skills to take on leadership roles later in life.



### **Alumni Profile – Tom Burson (914)**

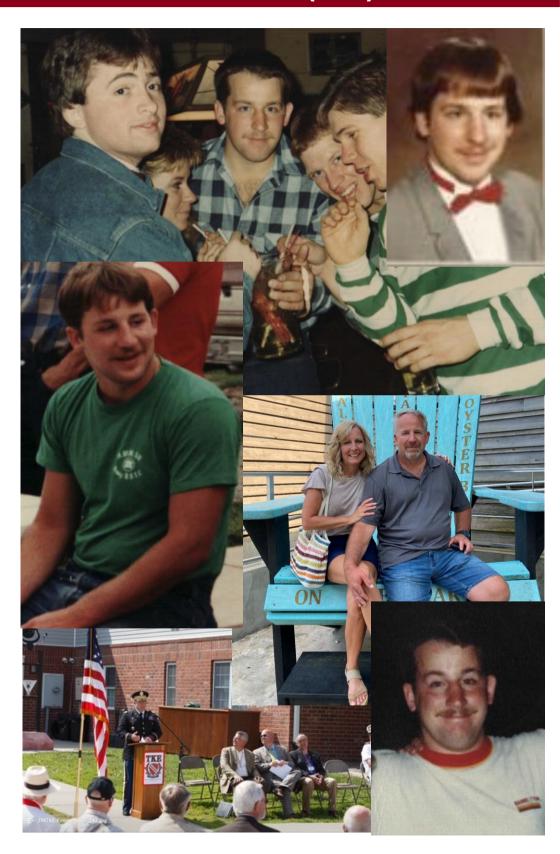
Frater Tom Burson was born in September 1963 in Maryville where he grew up on a dairy farm just south of the city. He has two sisters and two brothers, and while growing up he was tasked with helping keep the dairy farm operational. He attended Maryville RII High School and graduated in 1981. During his high school years he played on the baseball team, enjoyed riding motorcycles (which almost killed him), and hunting and fishing.

Upon completion of High School, he was already determined to attend NWMSU as it was close to home, economically feasible, and it would help broaden his knowledge, as well as making his mom and dad proud! During high school, he enjoyed biology and chemistry and so initially he enrolled as a Biology major. However, over the years he changed his concentration to Geography and Biology, and at the same time became interested in the military and joined ROTC.

He was recruited to TKE by Jeff McNeely and Dave Teeter and joined with the Fall 1982 pledge class that was made up of 11 pledges. Frater Tom remembers doing numerous pushups for using the phrase "frat, frater, blackball!" He enjoyed supporting the fraternity through numerous sporting activities and was especially fond of Fraternity Boxing, taking numerous titles, not all wins, home for the fraternity. He feels TKE provided him the opportunity to meet diverse individuals and build friendships, which allowed him to fill his leadership kit bag with unique experiences and hone his communication skill sets.

Tom never lived in the TKE house, but resided in the "Send Beer" house with other fraters. He worked two jobs to pay his way through college, waking up early to make the doughnuts at Hy-Vee and then bartending at night at The Palms. It was during his second year of college when he really embraced the military after rappelling off of Colden Hall. He joined ROTC in August 1984 setting him on a journey that would define his future. Frater Burson graduated NWMSU with major in Geography/Minor in Biology and received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in July 1987.

After graduation from Northwest, he joined the Missouri Army National Guard in January 1988 with Unit 1-135th Attack Battalion, and entered into his Initial Entry Rotary Wing School in May 1988 at Fort Rucker, Alabama, graduating in September 1989. Although initially qualifying in the UH-1 Huey and AH-1 Cobra, he later became rated in the OH-58A/C (Kiowa), AH-64A/D (Apache), and UH-60A/L (Blackhawk), amassing over 5500 Rotary Wing Flight Hours. He also held ratings as Instructor Pilot and Instrument Examiner in AH-1F (Cobra) and AH-64A (Apache) helicopters.





### Alumni Profile - Tom Burson cont'd

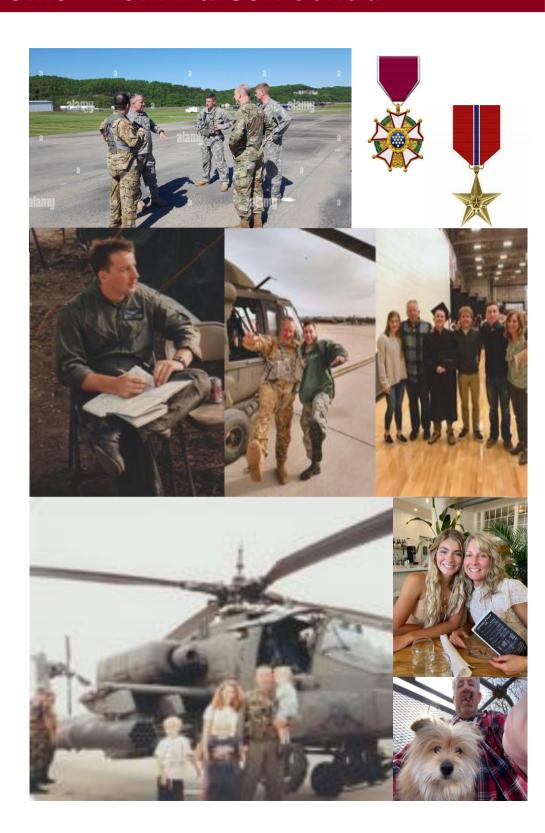
While in the military he served as a leader in numerous command positions and staff functions. His leadership experience included positions as Company Commander, Battalion Executive Officer, Battalion Commander, Executive and Staff Officer of a Theater Aviation Group, Commander of a Combat Aviation Brigade and State Aviation Officer for State of Missouri. He also deployed to both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2010, where he served as a Executive Officer for an aviation depot repair facility.

Frater Tom continued his education while in the military, graduating in May 2012 with a Master's in Aviation Safety from University Central Missouri and in July 2016 he earned a Master's in Strategic Studies, US Army War College Carlisle Barracks PA.

He served his country for 35 years in the Missouri Army National Guard, retiring with the rank of Colonel in June 2019. He is a highly decorated veteran and was awarded the Legion of Merit (1 oak leave cluster), a Bronze Star, the fourth-highest ranking award a service member can receive for a heroic and meritorious deed performed in an armed conflict, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal – 1 OLC, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal –1 SLC/1OLC, National Defense Ribbon- 1 OLC, Afghanistan Campaign Medal W/Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Medal W/M Device, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon and Master Army Aviator Badge.

He is currently working as the Base Pilot for Air Evac (EMS) out of Sedalia MO and is flying Bell 206 and 407 helicopters.

Frater Tom is married to Deanna Burson of Woodbine, Iowa and they will celebrate 32 years of happiness and friendship in May 2022. Tom and Deanna have four wonderful children (Max, Alex, Connor, and Olivia). Max and Alex attended Pittsburg State on Track Scholarships'. Connor is attending Linn Tech. Olivia will be attending Southwest Baptist University on a Track Scholarship after she graduates this spring. Tom enjoys spending time with the family, hunting, and fishing. Tom and Deanna are currently living in Warrensburg Mo, since 1996.





### **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.

Scroll	Full Name	<b>Deceased Date</b>	<b>Death Notification</b>	Pledge Class
125	Dwight E. Grantham	2/28/2022	3/2/2022	1958 Fall
361	Harold L. Poynter	8/17/2019	1/7/2021	1964 Fall
440	Richard D. Partlow	3/5/2019	1/7/2021	1966 Fall
520	Bruce C. Stadlman	12/27/2020	1/10/2022	1969 Spring
538	Richard M. Glenn	1/24/2021	1/8/2022	1970 Spring
UKN	Andrew Minter	2/8/2022	2/11/2022	2014 Fall







### **Final Thoughts**

Age and time have a funny relationship: Sure, they both move in the same direction, but the older we get, the more inverse that relationship can feel. And as work and family commitments take up a drastically outsize portion of that time, it's the treasured friendships in our life that often fade. A recent study found that the maximum number of social connections for both men occurs around the age of 25. But as young adults settle into careers and prioritize romantic relationships, those social circles rapidly shrink and friendships tend to take a back seat.

The impact of that loss can be social and physiological. Research shows that bonds of friendship are critical to maintaining both physical and emotional health. The good news is that keeping cherished friendships afloat doesn't need to be a huge time commitment. There are several things you can do to keep a bond strong even when your to-do list is a mile long.

Tell your friends how long you expect to be off the radar, how to communicate with you best during this time ("I'm drowning in emails; texts are better!"), and when your schedule is expected to go back to normal.

Nix 'I'm too busy' ... You might be booked from dusk until dawn, but without giving your friend context, that phrase "I'm too busy" can feel like a blow off. When we hear somebody say, 'I'm too busy,' we don't actually know if that is true for just their lives at this time, or if that's their way of not really valuing us or wanting to spend time with us.

Therefore, the friendship often just dies, not from lack of anything wrong or anybody even necessarily wanting it to die, but just simply chaotic lives and a lot of distance gets put in there.

Instead of offering vague, blanket statements about your bustling schedule, qualify your busyness: "I'm busy for the rest of the month," or "I'm tied up until the end of the year." Then make a counter offer. If you can't meet face-to-face anytime soon, suggest a phone date, Zoom session, or other way to connect so your frater doesn't feel abandoned! If you are not sure how to contact your pledge brother or fellow Frater, contact me and I may be able to connect you!

Yours in the Bond, Brad Shelton (651)

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