LIFE LOYAL TEKE
Membership Surpasses 500

and the Life Loyal Teke
Online Community is born

Tau Kappa Epsilon is proud to announce that in the first year of the Life Loyal Teke program, more than 500 Fraters have stepped forward and embraced the program and its purpose – to help advance the mission of the Fraternity. Along with this great announcement regarding membership in the program, the Fraternity is also proud to announce the birth of the Life Loyal Teke Online Community which can be found at www.tke.org/LLT.

The LLT Online Community will be the home of the Life Loyal Teke online job center, where Life Loyal members will be able to search for and post job opportunities. Moreover, it will become the virtual LLT chapter house where members throughout the world will be able to come together to share ideas, socialize, network, and receive communication from the Fraternity about what is going on throughout the Grand Chapter. The LLT Online Community is a first in the Greek World and is an example of Tau Kappa Epsilon’s dedication to providing our members with new and innovative services to better their overall experience.

The LLT Online Community is just one of the many benefits that members receive when they enroll in the Life Loyal Teke program. If you are not currently a Life Loyal Teke and are interested in finding out more about the program or the LLT Online Community, go to www.tke.org/LLT and log in as a guest and take a “test drive.”

LLT is more than just a program – it is a vision for a better, stronger, and healthier Fraternity, and the LLT Online Community is one of the mechanisms that will be employed to help the Fraternity make the LLT vision a reality. Join with more than 500 of your fellow Fraters and help TKE realize the vision that is Life Loyal Teke.

(Left to right) Life Loyal Tekes Bryan Hansen, Grand Prytanis Mark C. Romig, Brad Benjamin, and Mike Smith.
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ISAE and CFEA Honor TKE with Awards

Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity received two STAR Awards from the Indiana Society of Association Executives (ISAE) during the Holiday STAR Celebration December 4 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. The STAR – or Society’s Top Association Recognition – awards are given to associations through a rigorous application and judging process to recognize outstanding accomplishments in the field of association management. TKE was honored with the 2003 ISAE STAR Award distinction of Best Membership Recruitment Campaign for its “Redefining Fraternity” campaign, which has provided members with the right tools to communicate what membership in TKE is all about. TKE was also presented the 2003 ISAE STAR Award distinction of Best Membership Directory for The Teke Guide, which contains a detailed explanation of programs and traditions of our Fraternity.

At the 2003-2004 publications awards competition in May, the College Fraternity Editors Association (CFEA) awarded THE TEKE Magazine first place for its Human Interest Article on Mark Sterner. The article, titled Out of the Abyss, was written by Director of Communications Heather Redeske and appeared in the winter 2004 issue.
In order to have a transparent operation and better inform each of our members about how the Fraternity is performing, TKE issues an annual report. This report contains information about our operations, membership statistics, and progress made over the course of the past year. We hope that it will be useful to all Tekes, and supporters of our Fraternity, to evaluate where we are situated today and where we’re heading.

This past year had produced some mixed results for TKE. On the finance, risk management, and long-term planning side, our Fraternity has made some major leaps forward. We’ve grown our equity position, operated in the black for the fourth year in a row, seen a measurable increase in our alumni advisor ranks, and successfully launched the Life Loyal Teke (LLT) program. However, our paid initiate numbers have decreased slightly, and we experienced a drop in our reported active collegiate members this past year. It is our hope that our longer-term investment in growing our volunteer servicing corps as well as better engaging our members in the Fraternity for Life through the LLT program will help us yield better membership numbers in the current year. Here are some of the specifics:

**Key Successes**

1. **Advisors:** Every TKE chapter and colony has at least one registered alumnus serving as an advisor. All but four of our groups have both a Chapter Advisor and a Board of Advisors Chairman on record with the Fraternity. We’ve nearly tripled our number of Grand Province Advisors and Province Advisors in the past two years, with 208 men now serving in these key roles. Each GPA and PA is a member of our regional servicing team, serving as a volunteer staff member for TKE.

2. **Programming:** This past year, TKE held a successful Conclave in Irving, Texas which included solid educational programming as part of the TKE Institute as well as being a lot of fun for the 525 Fraters who attended. In the spring, we held three Regional Leadership Conferences and had more than 500 Tekes participate in these activities. Two Hundred Seventy-Two men attended the RLC in St. Louis, making it one of the largest regional meetings in our Fraternity’s history. The TKE Leadership Academy, sponsored by the TKE Educational Foundation, hosted 28 chapter leaders at Bradford Woods during the summer.

3. **Risk Management:** In 2003-04, the Fraternity had the lowest number of claims filed since 1995. Tekes across the continent did a fine job of following risk management guidelines, and our greatly improved loss-ratio has resulted in an overall decrease in our insurance premiums for the upcoming year. We’re making progress in lowering the average $250 insurance bill that each collegiate Teke pays annually, and more of our members and guests have enjoyed chapter outings and events which have been incident-free.

4. **Finances:** A rebounding of the stock market, expanded affinity partnerships, and solid expense management resulted in an operating surplus for TKE this past year. This surplus is enabling the Fraternity to invest in recruitment materials for our chapters in the current year, as well as increase distribution of THE TEKE magazine to more of our alumni who have lost touch with the Fraternity. It is our hope that these investments will yield better engagement of our alumni corps, and better provide tools for our chapters to grow their membership at the local level.

5. **Peer Recognition:** TKE was recognized by the Indiana Society of Association Executives as having the state’s best membership guide (The Teke Guide) and top marketing/image campaign (Redefining Fraternity). Director of Communications Heather Redeske’s in-depth story on Frater Mark Sterner also earned the College Fraternity Editor’s Association award for best human interest article in a fraternity magazine.

6. **Life Loyal Teke:** Our new forward-thinking program successfully enrolled 531 members this past year, reaching the “best case scenario” envisioned by the LLT committee. Life Loyal Teke has forwarded funds to the TKE Educational Foundation which has helped establish 170 chapter scholarship funds, as well as build a communications reserve so that TKE can keep in touch with every Life Loyal Teke member. An on-line community and job board will be launched prior to this report’s distribution, which will help Tekes enrolling in the program keep better in touch with each other, as well as obtain potential future employment through this networking. The program continues to evolve and will add many more member benefits during the coming years.

**Areas for Improvement**

1. **Membership Growth:** TKE’s overall collegiate membership dropped this year, due primarily to a higher attrition rate in the South, Midwest and West. With college tuition rising by an
average of 14 percent, other trouble with the economy and the war in Iraq, a higher percentage of Tekes did not return to college this year. It is imperative that the Fraternity focus its efforts on growing our recruitment class this year, as well show real value for our current members to stay in school and remain active in TKE.

Expansion: With a professional staff stretched too thin, the Fraternity was not able to focus nearly enough attention and resources in growing our number of chapters and colonies. We need more active groups to better give quality young men across the U.S. and Canada an opportunity to join our brotherhood. During the current year, our volunteer staff members on our regional servicing teams have agreed to step up to the plate, providing the basic servicing and visitation for most of our current chapters. The professional staff will focus more energy on recruiting local advisors, providing training and coaching for our volunteer corps, and building more TKE groups. Our goal is to add 12 new colonies this academic year, and successfully charter or re-charter 14 chapters.

Alzheimer’s Support: While Tekes across the land have helped raise significant funds for a variety of charitable causes, we’re short of the $240,000 the Fraternity has pledged to raise for the Ronald & Nancy Reagan Research Institute of the Alzheimer’s Association. We need to raise approximately $180,000 more this year, with the funds going directly to this important research project selected by the Reagan family. Our volunteer and paid staff team working on this project has put together several fund-raising opportunities to help each chapter – and each Teke – play a meaningful role in helping our brotherhood reach our goal to fully fund this project.

Moving Ahead

This year will be an exciting one for TKE, as we are poised to have explosive growth on both the chapter level as well as in the Grand Chapter. We’ve got a solid volunteer staff ready to work to help improve TKE on all levels. The Grand Council is continuing to develop a long-term strategic direction and focus for the Fraternity, taking us through 2010 and beyond. We’re developing recruitment materials for our chapters to use in rush, have organized several dozen advisor training workshops to be held across the U.S. and Canada this year, and are cultivating colony expansion opportunities so more men will have the chance to join TKE. We’ve got a detailed game plan and the right pieces of the puzzle now in place to help us position TKE where it should be – always on top of the Greek world. With your help, and that of the nearly 200,000 living Tekes across the continent, there’s nothing we can’t achieve this year.

Fraters, thank you for your dedication to Tau Kappa Epsilon. We look forward to visiting with many of you this year, and sharing with you the stories of TKE’s successes next July in New Orleans for Conclave.

TAU KAPPA EPSILON ANNUAL REPORT
Fiscal Year 2003-04
(Preliminary)

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Founded - Tuesday, January 10, 1899
Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois
Total Initiates Since Founding 233,542
THE TIME IS NOW. It’s time to take TKE’s destiny into our own hands and re-assert ourselves as not only the best, but also the comparative benchmark of the college fraternity world. While we’ve made great progress on many fronts, we’ve lingered too long at around the same chapter count, same recruitment base, and same number of collegiate members. It’s time to step up and grow. It’s time to move the needle.

Tau Kappa Epsilon Gets into Full Gear for a Membership Explosion

By Kevin M. Mayeux, CAE, Chief Executive Officer

Did you know that the average TKE chapter is smaller than the average fraternity chapter? Did you know that most TKE groups initiate fewer men than do other fraternities on their campus? Would it surprise you to find out that the Fraternity was contacted by 70 different interest groups last year, all wanting to start TKE chapters on their campuses? In the end, we only had enough staff resources to turn eight of these 70 into new colonies – and that’s just not acceptable any more. College men across the continent deserve the opportunity to join our ranks – not just men on our 267 current campuses, but men of high character on every major four-year school in North America. On two major fronts, TKE intends to throw the Fraternity into overdrive and see explosive growth in the Grand Chapter.

1st Each TKE chapter and colony needs to grow its membership count. Your brotherhood will be better, stronger, and more solid if your chapter size increases. Two years ago, each chapter was challenged to grow its recruitment base by 25 percent – today, we’re asking that every Teke strive to do it again. The average peer fraternity has a chapter size of about 50 men; our chapter size is 30 percent less. That’s not acceptable – we’ve got to dramatically grow that number and get more men in TKE. If we each truly believe that our brotherhood is special, let’s ask more of our friends, classmates, and other top quality men to become Tekes.

To highlight our chapters who do well in recruiting, we’re launching the TKE High Performance Poll. The High Performance Poll will show the world our top recruiting chapters each week, both in terms of most new members for the year, as well as most improved over the previous year. Much like the AP and ESPN polls for college sports, the TKE High Performance Poll will track, week by week, how well our chapters are doing in growing the Fraternity by recruiting quality new men into our membership. The TKE High Performance Poll will be posted on www.tke.org each week beginning in September and ending on May 31, 2005. Will your chapter be tops in the polls? Will you win the Move the Needle Cup? Keep checking out the Fraternity’s Web site each week to see how your chapter is doing in TKE!

2nd The Fraternity has committed to establish at least 12 new colonies this year. To achieve this, our professional staff will focus primarily on expansion to capitalize on the great interest out there to have a TKE chapter on most every college campus. Each chapter will receive visitation and servicing from a member of our Regional Servicing Team, consisting primarily of local alumni who are trained in chapter operations and management. TKE will be conducting more than 50 Alumni Leadership Meetings throughout the U.S. and Canada this year, bringing information, resources, and face-to-face training to our chapter-level advisors in most major metropolitan areas. With 208 men serving on our Regional Servicing Team in the field, and with more than 1,000 men serving as local advisors, we’ve got a lot of talent that TKE is going to put to work. A true partnership exists between the paid and volunteer staff members of our Fraternity, and through that synergy, there’s much that we can accomplish together.

To aid our chapters and colonies in recruitment, the Fraternity has produced a recruitment CD which lays out what TKE stands for in an attractive web-style environment. The CD has video testimonials from active Tekes, alumni members, parents, and friends of the Fraternity who understand the true value one gains by joining Tau Kappa Epsilon. The CD emphasizes how we’re Redefining Fraternity through our cornerstone principles of scholarship, character, leadership, teamwork, service & brotherhood. It includes a parent’s guide, our risk management guidelines, and many eye-catching graphics. The CD, along with posters reminding each of us of our commitment for growth, will be distributed to each chapter and colony at the beginning of the academic year, free of charge.

With a Fraternity composed of nearly 200,000 living alumni, more than 9,100 active members in college, a great history and solid values-set, there’s nothing we can’t accomplish if we all pull together. Let’s grow each TKE chapter and colony. Let’s establish more groups, spreading the Fraternity’s reach across North America. Let’s all do our part to help Tau Kappa Epsilon move the needle this year! The time to put our TKE pedal to the metal is now!
The hub of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity’s central operations is based at the Offices of the Grand Chapter, located at 8645 Founders Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268. The OGC is your full-time office, here to service all TKE chapters & colonies, and meet the needs of our membership. You can contact the headquarters by calling (317) 872-6533, faxing us at (317) 875-8353, sending us a letter, or directly contacting any member of our professional staff.

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Remembering Reagan

A TRIBUTE

When the Lord calls me home, whenever that may be, I will leave with the greatest love for this country of ours and eternal optimism for its future. I now begin the journey that will lead me into the sunset of my life. I know that for America there will always be a bright dawn ahead.

-- Ronald W. Reagan, in his final letter to the American people
In our hearts, we knew it was not a matter of if, but when, we would come to realize that heroes do sometimes fall. It was indeed the long good-bye when Frater Ronald Wilson Reagan, 40th president of the United States, entered the Chapter Eternal by ending his decade-long battle with Alzheimer’s disease on June 5, 2004. He died peacefully in his home with his family by his side.

For those of us who may have been still too young to adapt a party affiliation during his best-known political years, it took the unfortunate passing of one of the greatest presidents our nation has known to fully understand the impact Frater Reagan had on this country, the world, and our beloved Fraternity. Through all the pomp and circumstance, funeral processions and memorials, we were given a history lesson like no other and learned about a man the country and the world adored and admired.

“We were reminded that Frater Reagan spoke of America voicing the words that pilgrim John Winthrop used… ‘a city on the hill’ … this is what this country we know now as the United States must become. It is our duty to shine faith. The Reagan message, if it can be described in just one phrase, was that of a vision of hope. He said he was never a ‘great communicator’ as so many pegged him; no, he just communicated great things from the heart,” Mark Romig, TKE Grand Prytanis said.

“At the end of his life, his triumph was a victory of light over darkness. As his son, Ron, said … he is now home, free.”

Transcending ever changing times, differing ideologies and critics alike, Frater Reagan gave hope to so many Americans — sharing a lifetime vision of a brighter tomorrow, a country we could all be proud of and a world without walls.

A native of Tampico, Illinois, Reagan had attended pubic schools in Galesburg, Monmouth and Tampico, eventually graduating from Dixon High School. While in high school and college, he won varsity letters in swimming, track, basketball, and football. In addition to being captain of the swimming team at Eureka, he worked for seven summers as a lifeguard and is credited with saving over 77 lives — a proud memory to which Reagan reportedly held onto tightly until his final days.

Frater Reagan was initiated into the Iota Chapter at Eureka College in Illinois on February 25, 1929, as scroll #169. Reagan’s college years came at a very difficult time for the country. His affinity and loyalty for the Fraternity were permanently fixed during the very trying times of the Great Depression.

At Eureka College, he was active not only in Tau Kappa Epsilon but in campus activities as well. He served as president of the Student Senate, as a cheerleader, and participated in numerous activities with the Speech and Drama Department. As an undergraduate member of Iota Chapter, he served as the chapter’s kitchen steward, rush chairman and Prytanis.

Decades later, during a special luncheon held at the Omicron Chapter house at The Ohio State University, President Reagan was given an apron which read: “TKE Dishwasher-in-Chief.” When presented with the gift, he laughed heartily and began telling the story of how he used to wash dishes to help pay his way through college at the TKE Iota Chapter house and later at a sorority house in Eureka, reminding his audience once again how he had fond memories of his fraternity days in college.

“Eureka had some 250 students … I arrived in the fall of 1928, which was the period marking the end of raccoon coats … thanks to friends, I wasn’t making a cold entrance but was already slated for the Teke house — Tau Kappa Epsilon …” — Ronald Reagan

It would be during his college years that
While movie stars Ronald Reagan and Jane Wyman (then his fiancé) were appearing on stage in Philadelphia, Alpha-Kappa Tekes entertained them at the Teke house at a dance.

Reagan developed his taste for oratory and becoming comfortable in front of audiences. In one of his many letters to THE TEKE magazine, Reagan speaks about his strong views on the benefits of joining a fraternity:

“...I recalled the first time our Prytanis named me (a freshman) to ask the blessing at dinner. It seems silly now to think of this simple Christian duty as frightening, but it was. The idea of uttering a prayer out loud in front of some forty fellows left me limp and shaking. Once upon a time, joining a fraternity was one of the extra luxuries that went toward making college life pleasant. Today, I believe a college man toward making college life pleasant. Today, I believe a college man

A pivotal event that gave Reagan an early taste for using his budding oratory skills to influence people happened when Eureka College’s new president attempted to cut back the faculty. Reagan immediately helped organize a student strike. He eloquently spoke from his heart when he presented a motion to the student body. “There was no need for parliamentary procedure,” he told a reporter, “they came to their feet with a roar.”

Reagan graduated from Eureka in 1932 with degrees in sociology and economics. Coming from a border-line middle class home, he admitted on several occasions that he was only able to finance his education at Eureka College due to the support of TKE. After college, Reagan was bitten by the Hollywood bug, but he always seemed to find the time to visit his alma mater and the Iota Chapter in Eureka. Scrapbook photos show a down-to-earth, warm and kind-loving man – sharing dinner, a song at the piano or stories with his fellow Fraters. Reagan and his then wife, Jane Wyman, would frequently appear at TKE chapter social functions, bringing a taste of Hollywood to whichever chapter they visited.

The next 20 years would see Reagan appearing in over 53 feature length movies, giving him the nickname of “Mr. Hollywood.” His acting career blossomed and by the beginning of World War II, Reagan was one of the best-known Hollywood actors. Reagan served in the U.S. Army Calvary Reserve during World War II, obtaining the rank of captain by the time of his discharge in 1945.

During his years in Hollywood, Reagan also served six terms as president of the Screen Actors Guild. In recognition of his successful acting career and steadfast devotion to TKE, he was presented with the Top Teke Alumnus Award in 1958.

In March 1958, Frater Reagan continued providing his intellectual insight and thoughts about divisive topics when he presented THE TEKE magazine with a report about the Cold War in Hollywood – a speech he delivered at the 1957 Eureka College commencement ceremonies. The speech was a clear example that Reagan had already begun to form the groundwork for his “Tear Down This Wall” speech that he delivered in Berlin – the same strong voice speaking the same ideas that would eventually shake the foundations of the Communist system. This would not be the first time Frater Reagan exercised his eloquence for a captive audience, expressing well-informed, strong opinions which challenged the status quo.

In 1965, although in the thick of his newborn political career, Reagan found time to narrate the 16mm TKE rush film produced by the International Fraternity entitled “The Fraternity for Life.” With this film, Reagan became synonymous with the slogan that became the film’s title and the Fraternity’s catch phrase to this day: “Tau Kappa Epsilon … The Fraternity for Life.”

In November 1966, Frater Reagan was elected as California’s 33rd
Reagan with Beta-Phi Chapter while visiting the Louisiana State University campus to speak at graduation.

In 1975, Reagan starred in the TKE rush slide show, “My Brother, My Friend.” Before he became president, Reagan also served three years as chairman of the Grand Prytanis’ International Advisory Committee.

After leaving gubernatorial office in early 1975, he began a daily radio commentary program and a weekly newspaper column. That following November, Governor Reagan announced he was a candidate for the 1976 Republican nomination for president.

Frater Gregory Jessup (Omicron-Rho) remembers his first encounter with Reagan.

“I first met Mr. Reagan in 1976 after a campaign breakfast at the Lubbock Inn. He was running against Gerald Ford in the Republican primary and had just won the contest in South Carolina.” Jessup goes on to recall how he and his Fraters had a most interesting, and heart-pounding experience as young college men.

“I was with a bunch of Fraters that morning and we lined up near the podium in our bright red fraternity jerseys – all ready to greet him when he left the stage. Well, here he came, but the dad-gum Secret Service guys blocked us out of his vision; however, we were determined college men and we immediately put into play our plan B ... we yelled “DUTCH!” as loud as we could in unison. At about 20 feet past us, he immediately whirled around, saw us and almost ran toward us. In fact, the Secret Service took two or three steps before they realized what he’d done and then they turned and came running toward us ... it was actually kind of scary at first, but when he got to us it was something great. He shook each of our hands and actually stood there for several minutes talking to us about school, our chapter, his fraternity thoughts and the West Texas dust storms. It was special then, but even more so now thinking back on it.”

A deep commitment to love, charity and esteem remained with Frater Reagan throughout both his personal and political life. On the eve of his 1980 election, a reporter asked Reagan what he thought the American people saw in him. Reagan humbly said, “Would you laugh if I told you that I think, maybe, they see themselves, and that I’m one of them?”

It would be this same humble demeanor that President Reagan showed while remaining so loyal and dedicated to his Fraternity, no matter what political or celebrity status he attained – even during times when, for so many others before him, it became too easy to forget or even deny affiliation with a college social fraternity.

The 1980 presidential campaign gained him the opportunity to serve as the nation’s chief elected official for two terms. However, this revered title did not stop Frater Reagan from remaining involved in Tau Kappa Epsilon, as he hosted several special fraternity events at the White House, and managed to visit TKE chapters whenever his schedule allowed. Even as the leader of the free world, he wanted to share his extraordinary experience with other Fraters, and much like the American people, show them the limitless possibilities in a new America.

“In early March of 1981, he sent in his annual gift [to the TKE Educational Foundation]. On the business-reply envelope, he checked the box to indicate that he had a new address and then dutifully wrote in ‘1600 Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C.,’” said Gary LaBranche, CAE, Past Grand Prytanis. “He checked the box saying he had a new address – as if we wouldn’t know. He had a total lack of pretension, and he just wanted to make darn sure that he’d still receive his mail from TKE at the White House.”


Reagan with Beta-Phi Chapter while visiting the Louisiana State University campus to speak at graduation.
Only weeks later, Reagan was hit by a would-be assassin’s bullet, nearly ending his life. A man of character and strength, he was still able to find some light of humor during this most trying time when he joked to his wife Nancy, “Honey, I forgot to duck.”

As president, he approved the creation of and supported the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award in 1983 (now given annually by the TKE Educational Foundation), as well as accepted a personal invitation for lunch at the TKE Omicron Chapter house during a stop at The Ohio State University that same year.

The initial invitation to lunch came from Frater Jim Ripke, who worked as a page on the staff of the Ohio Senate and was a volunteer for the Reagan-Bush campaign. Frater Ripke met up with a member of Reagan’s campaign staff (also a Teke) and casually mentioned that if Reagan wanted to stop by for lunch “that would be fine.” Always willing to go the extra mile, Reagan gladly took them up on their offer.

Being with his Fraters meant more than just simple political ‘face time’ for Reagan. While at the Omicron Chapter house, Reagan asked Prytanis John Bretz if there was anything else he could do for them.

“Yes, Frater,” said Bretz, “Frater Gary Sharp’s father passed away two days ago. He couldn’t be here today because he had to attend the funeral. It would mean a great deal to us if you could give him a call.”

The next day, the president made good on his word and called Frater Sharp to extend him condolences and to express his sorrow to the Sharp family.

Reagan took his promise to be a Frater for life seriously and was proud to call himself a Teke – so much so that after the swearing in ceremonies of his second term, his presidential limousine donned license plates which read: “A TEKE.”

During the early years of his presidency, Reagan gave a promise that his new ‘home’ would be open for the Fraternity and, in typical fashion, he kept his word by sponsoring a TKE alumni luncheon at the White House in 1984. As many as 60 Tekes were given invitations to attend the formal luncheon, where Reagan sat side by side with and enjoyed the brotherhood of his Fraters – much as he did in his earlier years of stardom when he would return to the Iota Chapter and sit with his Fraters at the dinner table, recalling his glory days at Eureka College.

William V. Muse, Past Grand Prytanis, was in attendance for this momentous event. “I sat at a table with Reagan and four to six others and was only one chair removed from him. I was able to hear all of the conversation. Reagan was very excited that two of his fraternity brothers from Eureka were there and had an extensive conversation with them about people and events in the chapter when he was there. He had an amazing recall of information, including who lived in which rooms in the fraternity house. While I value the tremendous leadership that President Reagan provided for our nation, I most admired him because he exemplified the values we stand for in TKE – charity, esteem, and love. He was a great Frater and a great man,” Frater Muse said.

In 1984, he received the Fraternity’s highest honor, the Order of the Golden Eagle Award.

In August of 1987, Frater Reagan prepared a special videotaped message to all Fraters attending Conclave. One year later, Reagan personally presented the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award to Frater Alan Friel in a special White House Ceremony.

“When President Reagan was presenting the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award in the Oval Office to Frater Alan Friel, one of the alumni attendees forgot to give Frater Reagan the recognition handshake. Frater Reagan said, ‘If the alums don’t give the handshake, how can we expect our collegiate Fraters to do so!’” Schmitz said. “Whenever he greeted a Frater he would give the recognition handshake.”

“If asked what the Oval Office looks like, I couldn’t answer,” Friel wrote of the moment to THE TEKE magazine, “… all I saw was the tall Norman Rockwell figure that to millions of Americans personifies patriotism, homespun values and the very spirit of the country.”

Friel, along with his parents, sat alone in the Oval Office with Reagan as he recalled his fond memories of TKE, making reference to the opportunities that our Fraternity affords its members.

When he left office on January 20, 1989, Reagan held the highest...
Several Tekes in the Ronald Reagan Peace Garden, attending the memorial service for President Reagan June 12 at Eureka College.

popularity rating of any retiring president in U.S. history.

The appreciation and admiration of his fraternity brothers across the country was solidified long before he gained national prominence. “The role that our Fraternity played in Frater Reagan’s life will be discussed for years to come. I can assure you we will always embrace the belief that the essence of Tau Kappa Epsilon, which he first experienced at Eureka College – not for wealth, rank or honor, but personal worth and character – echoed in his thoughts and actions, as it does for all of us, throughout his life as one of America’s great servant leaders,” said Romig.

Reagan always had our Fraternity on his mind and in his heart – even to the final day he was laid to rest at the sunset service with close friends and family in attendance. In the final requests that presidents carefully and methodically plan out for their funeral services, Reagan requested that the current student body president of Eureka College and Prytanis of the Iota Chapter both be flown to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library near Simi Valley in California for the memorial services.

History will forever remember Ronald Reagan as “The Great Communicator,” as the president who defeated Communism, and as an honorable man who always remembered his humble beginnings. All of these attributes were mirrored in Frater Reagan’s 75-year relationship with Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Now more than ever, Fraters of Tau Kappa Epsilon need to be valiant in our efforts to help rid society of the devastating disease that robbed Frater Reagan and countless others of a lifetime of memories and the chance to live without limitation. Through our international philanthropy, the Alzheimer’s Association, we have committed to doing much during his lifetime to TKE, but we are affecting the lives of thousands and thousands of people around the globe who suffer from this dreadful disease,” said Kevin Mayeux, TKE’s Chief Executive Officer.

For the past 10 years, Reagan has been gone from the public’s eye, fighting the good fight. It is said that in the last 1990’s he would come to only remember pieces of the beginning of his remarkable life – time and precious memories slipping away as the years went by. But gratefully, American History and Tau Kappa Epsilon have forever stood witness to his legacy and will never forget the remarkable man – our beloved Frater, Ronald Wilson Reagan.

As history reflects on Ronald W. Reagan, the man and the leader, many of us will remember him as he had always been – a man full of grace and humility; a man with an infectious smile; and a man who wanted to be remembered as a president that made Americans believe in themselves again.

We did, and we still do so today. God bless you, Frater Reagan. Thank you for being a very special part of the Fraternity for Life. May you enjoy a well deserved rest in your special place in the eternal city on a hill.

1964
Reagan’s final big-screen appearance came in the 1964 film The Killers, in which, uncharacteristically, he portrayed the heel.

1965
Recorded the narration & appeared in the 16mm TKE rush film entitled “The Fraternity for Life”

1965-66
His final regular acting job was as host and performer on Death Valley Days

1967
January 2 - became the 33rd Governor of California

1970
Re-elected November 3 for a second, four-year term as California governor

Chairman of TKE International Advisory Committee

1975
November 20 - announces his candidacy for the Republican nomination for president

1975
Starred in TKE Rush Slide Show, “My Brother, My Friend”

1976
Loses Republican Party’s nomination to Gerald Ford (works on his ranch, gives speeches, does radio commentaries and writes weekly newspaper column)

“My Brother, My Friend” (produced by then Regional Officer Ray Franklin) premiered at the ’77 Conclave in New Orleans. The slide and tape show highlighted the advantages of membership in TKE. Portions were narrated by former Governor Reagan.
Farewell “Dutch” ... 75 years with TKE

“As I sit here in my office and gaze upon the pictures and words of Frater Reagan from years gone by, it is hard to hold back tears. He exemplified the very meaning of Tau Kappa Epsilon. He embodied the words Love, Charity, and Esteem. He represented all that was potentially possible to undergraduates in the program and his passing is very difficult to bear. I will always remember his soft-spoken words, his relaxed posture, and his bright, endearing smile, leading the nation and fostering the dreams of a generation of Tekes. Although I never had the honor of meeting Frater Reagan in person, I will miss him deeply. Frater Reagan will always have a place in the hearts of the people of our nation.” – Eric Lloyd, Iota-Pi #401, Kent State University

“For so many Americans, President Reagan represented that which best exemplifies our country – honesty, loyalty, and integrity, but his ideals and principles are also reflective of the basis of the bond we all share together as members of Tau Kappa Epsilon. I take great pride in knowing that we as members of this organization shared that bond with President Reagan and hope for generations to come new members think of his example when they join the Fraternity. I hope they [the family] know their loved one not only gave hope to a country but continually gives hope to the members of TKE across the world.” – Barrett Zachary McCormick, Gamma-Theta #665, University of Florida

“I was blessed to have had the opportunity to meet with Frater Reagan twice in my lifetime. The first was during his campaign and the second after he had left office. He always made everyone he spoke to feel extremely special and he truly loved the Tekes. He was a great man, a great Frater, and a great President. We are all better off today because of him. My prayers go out to Nancy and the rest of his family. Thank you for sharing him with us.” – James Wayne McHodgkins Jr., Pi-Kappa #13, Mesa College

“The fraternity builds its prestige by encouraging each individual member to become an uncommon man. Those who place their faith in regimentation and mass movements decry this but theirs is not the way of freedom.

I challenge that our educational institutions (growing ever larger) would be hard put to find a substitute for the fraternity in its contribution to individuality and freedom of choice.” – Ronald Reagan

“Frater Reagan was not just a great American, not just a great Teke, but a great man … one that future generations of Americans and Tekes should look up to, to learn what it means to live a life by a set of values, to live an honest life as a devoted and caring individual. Frater Ronald Reagan defines American pride, and what it means to be a Teke. He was a man who loved this Fraternity to his death, because he recognized that this truly is a fraternity for life.” – Stewart Christopher Darling, Epsilon-Kappa #680, Loyola University Chicago

1981
January 20
Sworn in as 40th president of the United States

March 30
shot in the chest upon leaving a Washington hotel, but makes full recovery after surgery

1983

1984
March 23 - Sponsors TKE alumni luncheon at White House; is awarded Order of the Golden Eagle and Gold Medal of the NIC (Reagan is the first Teke and first President to receive this award)

October 24 - Attends special luncheon at Ohio State University TKE chapter house.

1985
January 20 - at 73, begins a second term, making him oldest president ever to be sworn in

1987

June 12 - in speech at Berlin’s Brandenberg Gate, demands Gorbachev “tear down this wall.”

December - Reagan & Gorbachev sign Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty

August - Prepares special videotaped greeting for Conclave 1987.

As a token of appreciation from TKE Fraternity and Omicron Chapter, Greg Thompson, an Ohio State alum, designed and produced a 3’ diameter etched glass seal for the president.
"Like many undergraduates entering college, fraternities played an important role in the development of men. There are certainly plenty to choose from and we often are confused. I was one of these undergrads. TKE was my choice for one reason – the men involved. When I was told Ronald Reagan was a Teke, I knew this was my home. Ronald Reagan to me symbolized everything that means TKE – its men, its integrity, its Love, Charity, and Esteem. "Dutch" shall surely be missed." – Howard K. Ng, Tau Alpha #1004, New York University

"Frater Reagan, throughout his distinguished life, embodied the three ideals which our bond holds highest. His leadership created a new world order, where ability, rather than rank, defines greatness of men. Without his steady hand, America may have sunk into a morass of apathy and lethargy. He led a new revolution that reaffirmed the values of America, and of Tau Kappa Epsilon. – Eric Brunton, Xi Lambda #728, University of Georgia

"On Wednesday, I received the phone call that I had been asked to attend (with Alan Knobloch, Prytanas of Iota Chapter) Reagan’s burial service on Friday night in Simi Valley, California. I spent the next two days making arrangements and talking to several press people. I constantly told interviewers that Ronald Reagan was a man I had admired not just because of his core traditional values (which he always stuck with and followed through) but his ability to successfully convey to the American people that they too could be successful. I feel especially grateful that I am walking in the footsteps of this great man; indeed, I am attending his alma mater, Eureka College, and a member of the greatest fraternity which he was a member of – Tau Kappa Epsilon. All along the way to the library there were thousands of people lined up along the streets in chairs with hundreds and hundreds of American flags and signs that had nothing but good things to say about President Reagan. It struck me that someone who had been out of the public eye for the past decade could be so well loved by the American people, but this was no ordinary person. This was Ronald Reagan." – Jeremy LeKosh, Iota Chapter, Eureka College

The Great Communicator

It was the Fall of 1979. I was a sophomore at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. Dennis “Buckwheat” Perry had come to our campus to reactivate the Gamma-Rho Teke chapter.

Less than one week after our initiation Buckwheat came to us with exciting news. Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan was coming to Terre Haute for a fund-raising dinner. And more importantly, arrangements had been made for our fraternity to meet with Frater Reagan before the dinner. He had also agreed to sign our new charter. What a privilege and an honor for our chapter.

The evening that Reagan was scheduled to arrive we were told to gather in a meeting room near the banquet area where the fundraiser was being held. Before I describe what it was like meeting Ronald Reagan, I want to preempt my comments by saying that over the years I have been fortunate enough to meet several important/famous people. However, no one has ever impressed me as much as Ronald Reagan did that evening. The only way I can begin to describe his personality is that there seemed to be an aura that surrounded him. And even though you felt awestruck by his presence, he had the gift of making you feel very comfortable. Perhaps this is why he came to be known as the “Great Communicator.” He will walk right up to you and with a warm smile and a cock of his head reach out to shake your hand and make you feel like you have known him for years! Best of all, when I shook his hand he gave me the Teke handshake ... I truly believe that Ronald Reagan was genuine in his love for his fraternity.

He stayed for about 20 minutes. He shared a couple of short stories about his life as a Teke. He then signed our charter and took a group photo with all of our chapter. Then he was quickly whisked away by his Secret Service agents.

The world is a better place today because of Frater Reagan. I will always cherish the memory of meeting him.

– Scott D. Stites, Gamma-Rho #947, Indiana State University

1988
June 8 - personally presented the Ronald W. Reagan Leadership Award/Scholarship to Frater Alan L. Friel in a special White House Ceremony. Bruce Melchert presents Reagan with Order of the Silver Maple Leaf.

1989
January 11 - gives his farewell address to the nation
January 20 - leaves White House with highest approval rating of any president since FDR
(Retires to California, travels, meets with various world leaders and gives public speeches in support of charitable organizations, Republican candidates and causes)
Visits Alpha-Omega Chapter at UCLA

1990
November - Reagan sponsors luncheon to benefit Fraternity and TEF, held at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Los Angeles. Presented the 1991 Ronald Reagan Leadership Award to (undergraduate) Frater Darren L. Smith, (Texas A & M University)

1994
Discloses in a letter that he has Alzheimer’s disease

2004
June 5 - dies in California at the age of 93

Grand Prytanis Mark C. Romig and Chief Executive Officer Kevin M. Mayeux at D.C. funeral services.

SUMMER 2004 ─ THE TEKE
1970s

Mark K. Johnson

Mark was initiated into Nu-Theta Chapter, University of Utah, in 1975. He was Crysophyllos and House Manager of his chapter and was awarded “Alumnus of the Year” in 1991. From 1991-92, Mark served on the TKE Investment Fund Advisory Committee and as Chapter Advisor for Gamma-Iota Chapter at the University of Colorado. He was a founding member of the Denver Area Alumni Association and has served since 1997 on the Board of Directors of the TKE Educational Foundation. Mark is currently serving his first term on the Grand Council as Grand Crysophyllos.

He served as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from 1975 to 1980 and ranked nationally as third place small bore marksman. From 1989 to 1991, he served as president of the Colorado Transfer and Warehouseman’s Association, being the youngest president in their 100-year history. He is also a board member of the American Moving and Storage Association and UniGroup Incorporated (parent firm of United Van Lines, Mayflower Transit, and Vanliner Insurance Group).

He is a member of the Denver County Republicans, the Masonic Order, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Denver Better Business Bureau and the Denver Police Activities League.

Frater Johnson is currently president of Johnson Storage and Moving Company, headquartered in Denver, Colorado. The company operates nine facilities in five states and has gross revenues in excess of $40mm.

Mark says of his TKE affiliation, “It’s rare for a man in his late 40s to become closely acquainted with quality men less than half his age and to learn of their thoughts and vision for the future in all areas of life, not just as a Teke. These experiences have made me a more effective leader of younger staff members in my business enterprises, benefiting me in my career … The Bond is always there. It’s never failed to create an instant friendship or deepen an existing one.”

1980s

Marc Benioff

Frater Marc Benioff was initiated into Beta-Sigma Chapter in November 1982, where he served as Crysophyllos. He graduated from the University of Southern California in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Entrepreneurial Studies.

Marc founded his first company, Liberty Software, while still in high school, selling computer games he wrote with friends in his spare time. At age 19, he landed a summer job as a programmer writing assembly code at Apple Computer and working on the developer kit for the then brand new Macintosh. After graduation, he started work at Oracle Corp., where he quickly rose through the ranks, heading groups in sales, marketing and product development. After 13 years at Oracle, Benioff left to found salesforce.com.

Today, Frater Benioff is chairman and CEO of salesforce.com, a company he founded in March 1999 based on the idea of selling software on demand as a utility. He formed a small team of engineers, designers and marketers and in less than a year put together an internet site that offers corporate customers software they can access over the web by subscription instead of installing it on their own servers.

His goal is to herald in a new era of business solutions that will be sold in mass quantities for low prices like any other product. No special hardware, software, service or maintenance is needed in order to use these solutions, the main advantages of which are getting the benefits from the application far quicker and for much less money. Customers agree. To date, salesforce.com is the most successful on demand application in the world, with more than 10,700 customers and 161,000 individual subscribers.

“My experiences as Crysophyllos at Tau Kappa Epsilon instilled in me business and leadership skills that have benefited me throughout my career,” Benioff said. “I have translated those skills into making salesforce.com and our 10,000-plus customers successful.”

In May 2003, President George W. Bush appointed Frater Benioff co-chairman of the President’s Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC) and in October, Hawaiian Governor Linda Lingle named him to Citizens to Achieve Reform in Education. He was recognized by CRM Magazine as one of the 20 most influential people in the industry, and Fortune Magazine called him one of its Top 10 Entrepreneurs to watch in 2003.

Throughout his career, Marc has been determined to use information technology to produce positive social change. He believes there is no way a business can be successful unless it gives back to the community in which it operates. In July 2000, he established the salesforce.com/foundation, a multi-million dollar global philanthropic organization that implements a unique 1 percent model. Through the Foundation, salesforce.com annually contributes 1 percent of profits, 1 percent of equity, and 1 percent of employee hours back to the public it serves.

1990s

John Hutto

John Hutto, a native of Saint George, South Carolina, joined Rho-Omega Chapter of TKE at the University of South Carolina (Columbia) in 1994. During his undergraduate years, John graduated from TKE Leadership Academy VII and served in most leadership roles including Prytania. He received the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award in 1996 and was recognized as International Top Teke and the University of South Carolina’s Fraternity Man of the Year.

After obtaining a degree in business, John went on to pursue graduate studies at USC-Columbia, serving as Graduate Advisor for two years and working with chapters across the Southeast as a certified Rush Coach.

When John received his Master of Business Administration in 1999, he accepted an IT consulting position with Accenture, dealing with financial services mergers and acquisitions. He transitioned into a new role with the company later, focusing on recruiting and marketing, two areas he says he first learned through TKE. “Membership in Tau Kappa Epsilon was the single most powerful experience of my college career. It gave me exposure to core business skills like management, marketing and accounting. More importantly, working with the fraternity yielded my initial learnings in organizational effectiveness and leadership. I can apply a fraternity experience to almost every single aspect of my career today in corporate America. I am convinced that of all my college activities and experiences, membership in TKE was the biggest contributor to my success today.” During that time, John served on the faculty for the Student Leadership Conference, a premier development opportunity for 100 students from top universities and colleges across the country.

In 2002, John joined Bank of America working in leadership development at the corporate headquarters in Charlotte. A vice president with the company, his focus today remains on creating and executing strategies that develop corporate America’s top talent. John still serves the International Fraternity as a Regional Leadership Conference facilitator, certified Rush Coach, and sits on the Board of Governors for the TKE Leadership Academy. He also serves on the Board of Advisors for Rho-Omega Chapter.
Over the past year, 12 volunteers were selected as Volunteers of the Month. Of those 12, Richard Adamek has been named by Grand Prytanis Mark C. Romig, APR, CFC, as TKE’s Volunteer of the Year for 2003 - 2004.

**Richard W. Adamek, CFC,** was initiated into Zeta-Kappa Chapter at Portland State University May 7, 1966. He served as Cryosophyls from 1966 to 1968. Dick graduated from PSU in June 1970 with a B.S. degree in business. He was then elected to the Zeta-Kappa Board of Control, and at various times served as member, treasurer and president; currently, he once again occupies the office of treasurer. Frater Adamek continued his volunteer role as a Chapter Advisor from 1988 to 1992, and from 1994 to present.

After receiving the Key Leader Award in 1990, he became a District Vice President for the New Frontier District. From 1993 to 1998, Dick served as District President for the Columbia River District, and since 1999 has been the Grand Province Advisor for Province 18, the Pacific Northwest. He is also a charter member of the Life Loyal Teke Program and has been serving as president of the Columbia-Williamette Alumni Association since April 2004.

In 1993, Frater Adamek attended his first Conclave in San Francisco, and has been present for subsequent conventions in Indianapolis ('99), New Orleans ('01) and Dallas ('03).

**July 2004: Jen Umberger**

Jennifer graduated from Albion College Cum Laude with a B.A. degree, concentrating in mass communication with an emphasis on public relations. She began her career in the field of higher education. Upon relocating from Michigan to Indiana in 2001, she was employed as an admissions counselor at Franklin College where she worked as a member of the Enrollment Management Team.

Jennifer joined Colliers Turley Martin Tucker, commercial real estate services, in September of 2003. She is a member of Alpha Xi Delta National Fraternity, the Public Relations Society of America, and the American Marketing Association.

Jennifer serves as Chapter Advisor and Board of Advisors member for TKE’s Gamma-Rho Colony at Indiana State University, on the TKE International Fraternity Expansion Committee, and as a Province Advisory Team member. She has been a facilitator for two years at the Michigan Province Education Conference and has helped the GPA of Indiana organize the format for the upcoming fall PEC for Indiana.

**August 2004: Dave Wallace**

Frater Wallace was initiated into Zeta-Theta Chapter at Western Illinois University where he graduated with a degree in history. As an undergraduate he held the offices of Rush Chairman, Prytanis and Hypophetes. He served TKE in the summer of 2002 as a Regional Director, working with chapters in the Southeast, Deep South, and Southwest.

After leaving the Offices of the Grand Chapter staff, in May of 2003 he became a Province Advisor for the Pacific Northwest Province. In May of 2004 Dave served as a member of the Board of Advisors of the Alpha-Gamma Colony at Washington State University and in June took on the role of Chapter Advisor for Tau Chapter at Oregon State University. Frater Wallace is a charter member of the Life Loyal Teke program and currently employed as Area Coordinator, Residence Life, at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon.

**September 2004: Mark Puzdrak**

Frater Mark “Poohy” Puzdrak was initiated as a member of Mu-Theta Chapter at Lycoming College in the spring of 1999. During this time he served as Cryosophyls for two terms and Pylortes; he also chaired the Finance, Fund-Raising, House and Risk Management Committees. Mark was a facilitator at the Regional Leadership Conference in Rochester, New York, in the spring of 2002. He was also a facilitator in training for Leadership Academy XVII and a facilitator for Leadership Academy XVIII. He presented two sessions at the last Conclave in Dallas.

As an undergraduate student, Mark worked as a teachers’ assistant for the Accounting Department. He also tutored freshmen and sophomores in accounting. Mark graduated as an Institute for Management Studies Scholar with a B.A. in accounting and one in finance. Frater Mark is a charter member of the Life Loyal Teke program.

Mark currently serves as the Grand Province Advisor for the Chesapeake Province. He is a member of the Mu-Theta and D.C. Area Alumni Associations. Since graduation Mark moved to Baltimore, Maryland, and accepted an associate position with Reznick Fedder & Silverman, Certified Public Accountants, P.C. – the 17th largest accounting firm in the country.

Frater Puzdrak offers his thanks to Dan Pelitier, Chris Hanson and Tony Clemens, the Fraters at Mu-Theta Chapter, and the chapters in the Chesapeake Province, without whom this award would not have been earned.
Rho-Beta
Michigan State

Champions! After last year’s folly of not participating in Michigan State University’s Greek Week, Rho-Beta Chapter captured this year’s overall win. “I still can’t believe it,” said Prytanis Brad Hall. After taking first place in field events, the team started to prepare for MTV bar night, which is the most involved of all the competitions. They practiced extremely hard and finished third. The final event was Songfest where large groups sing and dance to certain songs and are judged based on performance, costumes, and voice volume. The team took second place, which put them in line for the victory.

Even more important than winning were the accomplishments of the Greek community. As a group they were able to raise over $140,000 for the American Cancer Society and donate enough money for one child to live out a dream through Make a Wish Foundation.

The achievement of winning Greek Week, with the help of Kappa Delta and Psi Upsilon, was just another step in the right direction for what was once a struggling chapter.

Omicron-Iota
Rowan University

Although TKE has been on campus since its installation in 1974, last year the organization faced numerous problems which caused the chapter to shut down. However, after nearly three months of hard work, patience and planning, Omicron-Iota Chapter was rebuilt. “We couldn’t have done it alone; we had a lot of support from Rowan’s Greek Life staff,” says new member Mike Vadas. The new member process included help from brothers all over the state of New Jersey, including men from the chapters at Stockton and Ramapo coming all the way down to Rowan to help. “All of us were very grateful they were willing to sacrifice a Friday night for us, and to me, that’s what brotherhood is all about,” says Prytanis Tim O’Connor.

Many other fraternities on campus felt the process TKE went through wasn’t all that hard, but according to Epiprytanis Tim Ivory, they were restarting an organization and needed to learn all the rules about being Greek at Rowan. Now, however, it’s a different story for the Tekes. Initiation has occurred and the 29 members couldn’t be more proud to wear the TKE letters, but that doesn’t mean they’re ready to relax. The chapter is trying to get involved in as much as possible on campus and with other TKE chapters.

So what’s next for the group? They are very committed to service projects, fund raising and most importantly, having a good time.

Delta Chapter
Knox College

This year has been a good one for Delta Chapter of TKE. Finishing first in academics two terms in a row, having gained multiple accolades from on-campus activities, and now, nearly doubling the chapter size because of recruitment that has not been equaled in over 30 years.

Thanks to the help of Fraters Josh Ganatta and Larry Mancini, co-rush chairs, Delta brought in 21 new candidates, nearly doubling any other fraternity’s rush numbers on campus.

With a current total of 24 actives and a new candidate class of 21, that is an increase in chapter size of 87.5 percent, something unheard of at Knox College or in Delta Chapter history. Subtracting the nine graduating seniors from Gamma and Delta classes, the total increase in chapter size would go from 24 to 36 males, which is an overall increase of 50 percent in chapter size.

The reason for this year’s success can be attributed to recruitment becoming a constant occurrence, not just the two events during formal recruitment. Whether it was going out to a movie or enjoying a cookout on the new deck, recruitment was always a top priority. But what helped most was just getting to know all of the guys personally – not just viewing them as possible candidates.

The men invited to join ranged from junior transfers and freshmen, to resident advisors. Not only were they diverse in campus origins, but Delta also increased its international standing as a fraternity with candidates from Bermuda, China, Egypt, India and Pakistan.

Epsilon-Upsilon Chapter
Northwestern State

Since its founding, TKE has always had an outstanding record of defending Love, Charity, and Esteem. Fraters have taken this to heart and applied it to their daily lives in their home towns to make sure this legacy lives on. Epsilon-Upsilon Chapter, as many other chapters, realizes that defending these principles means leaving loved ones and Fraters behind to go abroad. Mid-April, three members of the chapter were called from the Reserves to active duty to do just that.

Sergeant Mike Honore (National Guard), Sergeant Kip Cochran (National Guard), Specialist Jeremy Malmay (National Guard), and Corporal Jason Caruso (Marine Corps) received orders all bound for Iraq to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The last time they would be seen together was the chapter’s Red Carnation Ball April 24.

The RCB was a smashing success despite the rain which preceded it at the barbecue. Thanks to the alumni advisors – Mike Terry, Kirk Green, Joe Barton and Chris Rich – for their hard work and dedication to the active chapter. Congratulations to Prytanis Brandon Smith for the Top Teke Award, Grammateur Wes Smart for the “Brothership” Award, and his girlfriend Kayce Lewis for the Sweetheart honor. It was definitely a special night for them and everyone else.
Beta Chapter Millikin University

On the evening of Friday, September 12, 2003, tragedy struck at Beta Chapter in Decatur, Illinois. Late in the evening, a second story study room caught on fire injuring two men. Frater Rory McCue was sleeping in the study room when the blaze erupted. He was taken to Decatur Memorial Hospital suffering critical injuries due to second degree burns and severe smoke inhalation. Scott Weeks, an associate member at the time of the incident, suffered minor injuries from smoke inhalation while aiding in the rescue of Frater McCue. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance where he was treated and released that same evening.

Rory remained in a narcotic-induced coma for over a month. His family did not reside in Decatur which caused them numerous absences from their professional lives. At the request of a relative, the men of Beta Chapter planned and held a fund-raising event on the chapter premises October 11. A small donation was asked at the door and after entering, participants were welcomed with food, games and live music. The chapter raised over $1,500 for the McCue family.

Beta Chapter would not have been as successful without the generous amount of help from the campus community. A local band, Something Darker, donated their services for the evening. The chapter was also proud to co-sponsor the event with the Alpha-Lambda chapter of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. The men of Delta Sigma Phi not only attended the benefit but they also were a crucial part of donating food and beverages for the guests. Members of every Greek organization at Millikin were more than happy to offer whatever aid they could for the McCue family.

The loving support shown at this event was a testament to the power of the brotherhood of Tau Kappa Epsilon and Greek life as a whole. The chapter would also like to formally thank all the other TKE chapters who offered their sympathy and prayers.

Mu-Xi Chapter California State University-Fullerton

Mu-Xi Tekes assist the Sound of Music Guild Gala at the Four Seasons Hotel in Newport Beach, handling distribution of auction items which brought over $200,000 in a James Bond-themed fund-raising program to take disadvantaged children to arts performances at the Orange County (CA) Performing Arts Center. This is the first year any fraternity has handled the volunteer functions. The Guild expressed its appreciation with several Guild organizers personally thanking the Tekes, as did the “Bond Girls.” Looks like tough work Fraters! Third from the left are Expansion Consultant Robert Heaton, Grand Grammateus Robert McMurry and his wife Debralynn.

Demolition and construction has begun on the “Restoration TKE Barn” project. Xi-Omega Tekes at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg hope the house is ready in time to host the education conference next semester. All the Fraters are overwhelmed with excitement, as this project took almost two and a half years of planning at an approximate cost of $500,000.

With a brotherhood of just under 30, the house is vital to the future of Xi-Omega.

Region “Shouts”

REGION 1

Scorpion, Cornell University

Opened their hearts and home to host a Province Educational Conference.

Theta-Sigma, St. John’s University

Sponsored the second annual “Project TKE” where they decorate children’s rooms in hospitals.

Kappa-Mu, Edinboro University

Received a grant from the school to host a “Battle of the Bands” to raise funds for the Alzheimer’s Association.

Gamma-Nu Colony, University of Toledo

Hosted several events to raise money for a fund to aid the families of four steel workers who died on the job.

REGION 2

Pi-Gamma, East Tennessee State

Doubled its chapter size this year.

Kappa Delta, Old Dominion

Cleared roughly $7,000 of chapter debt in one semester.

Pi-Epsilon, Christian Brothers

Initiated 27 undergraduates and three honorary members this year at a campus of 1,900 undergraduate students.

Omicron-Theta, Newberry College

Raised $3,500 for the Alzheimer’s Association’s Reagan Research Institute.

REGION 3

Epsilon-Kappa, Loyola University & Roosevelt Colony #782

Hosted “Laugh for a Cause,” featuring local comics (including TKE’s own Clayton Champaign) to raise money for the Alzheimer’s Association.

IUPUI Colony #788

Initiated 27 undergraduates and three honorary members this year, maintaining a 3.29 GPA in fall ’03, and won Greek Week.

Beta-Sigma, Southern California

Initiated a whopping 39 outstanding guys last year, bringing them within reach of the 100-man mark.

Epsilon, Iowa State University

Renovated their house to become an outstanding, modern facility.

REGION 4

Rho-Omicron, Cal Poly-SLO

Picked up trash after local Mardi Gras celebration, showing they can have fun and help the community at the same time.

Nu, California-Berkeley

Chartered with 47 men, making them one of the largest on campus, maintained a 3.29 GPA in fall ‘03, and won Greek Week.

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On Friday, April 23, 2004, TKE welcomed back into the Bond, Nu Chapter at the University of California, Berkeley. Only one short year after being recolonized, our chapter has exceeded many goals and expectations, while breathing new life into a campus community once dubbed the ‘Greek Graveyard.’ The reinstatement of TKE’s oldest West Coast chapter marked the final shedding of doubt, proving to all Tekes and everyone else that Nu is back and here to stay.

Following a decade of dormancy, the Nu chapter returned to the Cal-Berkeley campus in the spring of 2003. Expansion Consultants Erik Glenn and Erik Wilhelm arrived on the scene seeking not just anyone, but men of personal worth and character – leaders whom they could entrust the recolonization effort to. To that end, the ‘Eriks’ approached numerous campus organizations for recommendations. This effort yielded the Alpha Class, which soon grew to 26 men in a span of two months. From our first meeting at Barrows Hall to our first brotherhood retreat in San Francisco, and finally to our initiation, it did not take long for the like-minded men to coalesce. Almost before we had time to gather our bearings, the season of our first ever Fall Recruitment had arrived. A Beta Class of seven was initiated, pushing the ‘new’ Nu to 33 men – close to the campus Greek average chapter size after a single semester. In our third semester, this past spring, we initiated a campus-high of 15 men into the Bond. Forty-eight Fraters strong and growing, Nu finally had accomplished all the chartering requirements and submitted its charter petition to the Grand Council.

The celebration banquet served to commemorate all that we had accomplished in just a year. From community services such as an Adopt-A-Creek program and philanthropic fundraisers benefiting the Alzheimer’s Association, to breaking into the campus academic and social scene, it finally hit home just how far TKE had come at Cal in only months.

We could not have done it independently. We, as a colony, were lucky enough to have guidance and assistance along our journey in the past year. Fraters Erik Glenn and Greg Roskopf, Grand Province Advisor Michael Brink, and Province Advisors Kenneth Piana and Kinman Tong, as well as the Offices of the Grand Chapter, offered constant supervision and endless support. Nearby chapters at Sonoma State and Sacramento State were always quick to lend a helping hand in assisting with recruitment and rituals. Nu Chapter also owes much of our success to our strong alumni support. Absent from campus for a decade, the chapter still had many local alumni who were ecstatic to hear of our revival. Through the efforts of Chapter Advisor Steve Schmidt and our chapter officers, the alumni now represent an active and integral part of our chapter. Four generous alumni even made possible the $1 million renovation of the good old chapter’s house, to be completed prior to the upcoming Fall Recruitment.

With the re-establishment of the Nu Chapter, reopening of the TKE House at Cal, and the completion of our first year on campus, it appears Nu is settling right in. But looks can be deceiving, and you can rest assured that Nu is doing anything but settling. Rather than interpreting this event as crossing a finish line, the Tekes at Cal know our job has just begun. And that job will not end until everyone on campus not only recognizes the letters ‘TKE,’ but associates them with one word – Excellence!
In his address to the recently re-chartered Epsilon-Kappa Chapter, Frater Christopher Grasso, the Chief Installing Officer, related, “Much is expected of those who have been given much.” Even before this moment, the men of Epsilon-Kappa were hard at work making this their battle cry.

A six-man interest group set out little more than a year earlier on a journey that would see many obstacles and lead to the discovery of many rewards – the least of which was the honor of receiving a charter from the international office of Tau Kappa Epsilon and the greatest of which is the pleasure to become brothers with some of the world’s greatest men.

On April 2, 2004, after meeting adversity from within and without, the men of Epsilon-Kappa celebrated their charter. They responded to the negative sentiments put forth by the other Greek organizations by breaking their traditions to renew those with which TKE was founded. They chose their members according to guidelines that put no emphasis on wealth or rank, but instead chose men whose individual worth bettered the group as a whole – men whose characters were strong and admirable.

Over 100 parents, alumni, active members, and international representatives gathered in downtown Chicago to witness the members of Epsilon-Kappa affirm the words spoken by the founders of Tau Kappa Epsilon. And they came to help launch Epsilon-Kappa onto Loyola’s campus as a force to truly be reckoned with.

Prytanis Patrick N. Corrado pointed out that he didn’t know when, but at some point the group had gone from any club to a fraternity – in nearly every sense of the word. Meanwhile, Master of Ceremonies Clayton S. Champagne pointed out the dedication and diversity of such an astounding group. These things are perhaps the reasons why Epsilon-Kappa has been full of surprises.

They surprised other fraternities by receiving back an unheard of 15 bids during the spring recruitment of 2004. They surprised the Loyola administration by volunteering and running community service programming in the Jesuit spirit of “men for others.” They surprised the student body by taking away the most awards of any organization at the student leaders awards. They surprised the international office by applying for chapter status barely six months after being colonized. And finally, they surprised themselves by becoming something they all needed being far away from home – a family.

Expect the momentum to continue for these young men with plans for next year well underway. Living out Loyola University’s motto, “Go out and set the world on fire,” one can only expect much from these men who have been given so much.

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On April 24, 2004, Colony #754 was chartered as Upsilon-Zeta Chapter at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. Past Grand Prytanis Robert D. Planck was the Chief Installation Officer. Through hard work and collaborative efforts from local alumni, including Chapter Advisor Andrew Flood and Province Advisor Chris Cooper, as well as Angelo State faculty, a colony of six men became a chapter of 35 Fraters in just a year.

Prytanis Matt Buchholz said, “We really appreciate the support we received from the IFC, the sororities on campus and Dean Debborah Hebert. TKE is alive in West Texas. We look forward to a great fall recruitment, and Top TKE Chapter is on the horizon.”

Past Grand Prytanis Robert Planck (far right) and the men of Upsilon-Zeta Chapter at Angelo State.
The following chapters demonstrated excellence in all seven award categories.

**Iota-Theta**, Centenary College  
**Mu-Theta**, Lycoming College  
**Rho-Upsilon**, Franklin College  
**Upsilon-Alpha**, Spring Hill College

The following chapters demonstrated significant progress in many of the seven award categories versus previous year’s results.

**Alpha-Tau**, Drexel University  
**Xi-Eta**, Missouri Western State College  
**Xi-Upsilon**, Rochester Institute of Technology  
**Pi-Gamma**, East Tennessee State University  
**Pi-Epsilon**, Christian Brothers University

Awards of Excellence are presented to chapters that excel in a specific area of chapter operations, as part of the 25% Solution.

**Average Chapter Size**

Alpha-Lambda, Kansas State University  
Alpha-Tau, Drexel University  
Alpha-Chi, University of Louisville  
Delta-Chi, Gannon University  
Theta-Upsilon, CSU, Sacramento  
Iota-Theta, Centenary College  
Mu-Theta, Lycoming College  
Mu-Omicron, Tennessee Technological University  
Pi-Epsilon, Christian Brothers University  
Rho-Upsilon, Franklin College  
Upsilon-Alpha, Spring Hill College

**Honorable Mention - Average Chapter Size**

Beta-Mu, Bucknell University  
Sigma-Xi, St. Norbert College
**Academic Achievement**

- Beta-Mu, Bucknell University
- Delta-Chi, Gannon University
- Epsilon-Alpha, St. Louis University
- Mu-Theta, Lycoming College
- Upsilon-Alpha, Spring Hill College

**Honorable Mention - Academic Achievement**

- Alpha-Lambda, Kansas State University
- Alpha-Tau, Drexel University
- Xi-Upsilon, Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rho-Upsilon, Franklin College
- Sigma-Xi, St. Norbert College

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**TOP TEKE FRATERS**

The following Fraters are seniors or graduate students who should be noted for their outstanding performance as members of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Each had a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher, had demonstrated positive leadership in at least one other campus or community organization, and exemplified the ideals of Scholarship, Character, Leadership, Teamwork, Service and Brotherhood in their personal lives.

- Garrett Burchett
  - Epsilon, Iowa State University
  - Alpha-Chi, University of Louisville

- Christopher Lewis Caudell
  - Alpha-Chi, University of Louisville
  - Zeta-Alpa, Wagner College

- Jonathan Fazio
  - Zeta-Alpa, University of Missouri-Rolla

- Jacob Gross
  - Beta-Eta, University of Missouri-Rolla

- Christopher R. Leemon
  - Theta-Iota, Northern Michigan University

- Lucas Stangler
  - Sigma-Xi, St. Norbert College

- Mike Sutton
  - Lambda-Alpha, University of South Florida
Extracurricular Involvement/Achievement

Alpha-Lambda, Kansas State University
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Beta-Mu, Bucknell University
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Alpha-Tau, Drexel University

Recruitment Results

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Honorable Mention - Recruitment Results

Delta-Chi, Gannon University

Initiation Rates

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Alpha-Tau, Drexel University
Alpha-Chi, University of Louisville
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Honorable Mention - Initiation Rates

Upsilon-Alpa, Spring Hill College

Community Service & Outreach

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Alpha-Chi, University of Louisville
Mu-Theta, Lycoming College
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(June 1, 2003 - May 31, 2004)

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Kappa-Psi Chapter, Quinnipiac College – $4,337.00

Total Raised Per Man:
Omicron-Theta, Newberry College – $4,103.96

As its international philanthropy, Tau Kappa Epsilon has set a goal of raising $240,000 for Alzheimer’s research by the year 2005. Donation forms may be downloaded at TKE’s website: www.tke.org or you may send your check to Alzheimer’s Association c/o TKE, 8645 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1336.
Our new 2004 TKE International Sweetheart is Miss Diane Kelly of Santa Ana, California. A member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority, Diane is a senior at the University of Southern California, majoring in sociology, with a 3.37 grade point average. She is the Sweetheart of Beta-Sigma Chapter. Diane was an intramural basketball champion for three years and a member of the Forensic Psychology Club. She served on the executive board of Pepsters for three years, which is an exclusive student run organization on campus whose members are carefully chosen to be student ambassadors for the university. Diane enjoys scrapbooking, basketball, intramural sports, watching football, and spending time with friends and family. Her upcoming plans include studying for her real estate broker's license and “being the best wife and raising a future TKE Frater or TKE Sweetheart.”
North Texas at the Alumni Award from the University of Texas received the Ulys Knight Spirit Award from the University of Oklahoma into the Fraternity for Life. The event took place before the Sigma-Lambda Alumni Association meeting at the Officers Club at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. Grand Pylortes Charles Trabold served as keynote speaker at the event. Past Grand Prytanis Tom Castner, Past Grand Officer Jim Totten, and other Teke notables were also in attendance.

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The Denver Alumni Chapter met Saturday, April 13, at the Wynkoop Restaurant and Brewery in Denver for darts, pool and story telling, and a lot of pizza. Approximately 60 were in attendance including alumni from Alpha-Lambda, Beta-Alpha, Gamma-Iota, Gamma-Tau, Gamma-Phi, Delta-Omega, Delta-Theta, Lambda-Iota, and Nu-Theta Chapters; undergraduates from Gamma-Iota Colony and Gamma-Beta Chapter; Grand Crysophylos Mark Johnson, Grand Province Advisor Roy Smith, and KOAs Wally Ginn, Frank Moulton and Erik Conard.

Gamma-Beta Chapter (Colorado State University) pool team.

Dough Hughston and Province Advisor Greg Jessup donated $5,000 to Omicron-Rho’s new house fund during the Jim White Weekend at Texas Tech this spring. In back is Steve Walsh, host of the dinner, and outgoing Chapter Advisor Dr. Jim White. Frater White, former dean of the School of Architecture, left his advisory position after 23 years. He will continue as Campus Advisor.

**State Chamber Promotes Howell to VP**

Frater Edward Howell, a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma (1986) and the Defense Language Institute, currently serves as president of the Epsilon-Sigma Alumni Association. He is vice president of communications for the State Chamber - Oklahoma’s Association of Business and Industry. He is responsible for media relations, print and online publications, advertising, electronic communications, Web site management, and is a registered lobbyist.

Before joining the State Chamber, Howell was a reporter with the Edmond Sun and publisher of The Sterling Kansas Bulletin, winning numerous awards including the Kansas Newspaper Association’s Sweepstakes Award. He served five years in the U.S. army as an intelligence analyst stationed in Central America and Europe, and worked as a German interpreter.

He is on the board of the Oklahoma Chapters of the International Association of Business Communicators and the Public Relations Society of America.

**Austin Retires from NASA**

On January 2, Lambert D. Austin, Jr., an alumnus of Epsilon-Omicron Chapter at the University of Houston, retired from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) after 37 years of service. His career at Johnson Space Center spanned the design, development and operations of the Apollo, Space Shuttle and Space Station human spaceflight programs.

Austin was initiated into Epsilon-Psi Chapter at McNeese State University and became active in Epsilon-Omicron Chapter at the University of Houston in 1966 where he had transferred to pursue his career goals with NASA. He has remained an active alumnus with the TKE EO chapter since graduating from the University of Houston in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

Among the many honors presented to him at his retirement was the NASA Distinguished Service Medal. Lambert and his wife Faith reside in Friendswood, Texas.
Bradley University BA
Walter C. Springer ’60; date unknown. Born March 22, 1937.

Cal Poly-Pomona PA
Thomas J. Steiner ’94; April 21, 2004. Frater Steiner, 35, was a 1992 initiate of Rho-Delta and was assigned to the CHP’s Highway Patrol academy in 1999 and was graduated from the California Grammateus in January 1993. He was assigned to the CHP’s Santa Fe Springs office. He enforced transportation laws and was the 201st CHP officer killed in the line of duty. He was shot by a gang member as he walked out of the Pomona California Courthouse after testifying in a number of traffic related cases. Thomas is survived by his parents, a wife, a 3-year-old son and a 13-year-old stepson.

Christian Brothers University PE
John A. Botto ’05; April 17, 2004. Frater Botto was initiated November 18, 2001; he held the office of Hegemon from January 23, 2003 to January 30, 2004. He was hospitalized due to kidney failure a week before his death.

Culver-Stockton College ZII
Rick Sabados ’93; September 28, 2003. Frater Sabados, 32, lost his life in a work related fatality. He is survived by his wife Tracy and four young children.

Drake University AE
Evan Michael McCombs; May 10, 2003. Frater McCombs, 19, died in an accident while returning from Drake University after finishing his freshman year of college. Evan joined Alpha-Xi Chapter in the fall of 2002 and was recently elected as Histor of the chapter.

Emporia State GΦ

Kansas State University AA
Frank Morrison ’31; April 19, 2004. Frater Morrison, 98, of McCook, Nebraska, entered the Chapter Eternal after a battle with cancer. He was former governor of the state of Nebraska from 1961 to 1967, and was appointed Douglas County defender in 1970. He remained active through his senior years, speaking out against the war in Iraq and opposing capital punishment as a witness during legislative hearings. In 2000, when Frank was 95, his dream of a monument celebrating the convergence of the Oregon, Mormon and California trails in Nebraska came true with the construction of the Great Platte River Road Archway Monument in Kearney. Morrison was born in Colorado in 1905 and grew up in Kansas. He attended Kansas State University and the Nebraska College of Law, and worked for a time as a teacher. He entered politics in 1934, when elected Frontier County’s county attorney. Before he became governor, he ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. House in 1948 and 1954, and for the Senate in 1958. His life was dedicated to public service.

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Indiana University Southeast ΩE
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Lake Superior State University ΠΘ
Devlin A. “Devo” Miller; January 12, 2004. Frater Miller, 22, entered the Chapter Eternal at his home after suffering from a brain aneurism.

East Tennessee State University ΠI
James H. “Jimmy” Quillen; November 2, 2003. Frater Quillen, born January 11, 1916, was an honorary member and is listed as Pi-Gamma’s most distinguished Frater for his service to the community. The College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University was named in his honor. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946, was a newspaper publisher, 1936-1944; business executive; member of the Tennessee state house of representatives, 1955-1962; delegate to the Republican National Conventions, 1956, 1964 and 1968; bank executive; elected as a Republican to the 88th and to the 16 succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1963 – January 3, 1997).

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In July of 2003, he began serving as commissioner on the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

Devlin’s sophomore and senior year was spent in Indiana with his mother; his junior year was in Kalamazoo.

He was a sports columnist for the Warren Central High School newspaper in 2001 and was heavily involved with the sports section of the paper while in school. In Indy, Devo worked at the Hockey Skate Shop at the Coliseum. Hockey was always a part of his life, playing ice and roller hockey in Kalamazoo and Indy whenever he had the chance.

He also was very musically inclined, playing the baritone, piano and the trombone and was a member of the high school marching band. He had been pursuing a marketing degree at Western Michigan University.
North Carolina State University BB
James A. Graham ’42; November 20, 2003. Frater Graham served as North Carolina’s Commissioner of Agriculture from 1964 to 2000. He was born April 7, 1921 and initiated into TKE on June 8, 1947. A dairy and livestock farmer, Jim grew up on a 400-acre farm in the Piedmont section of North Carolina. After graduation from NCSU, he taught agriculture in high school in Iredell County, adjacent to his home county of Rowan. He then went on to manage an agricultural research station in the Blue Ridge Mountains, staying there until 1952 when he became manager of the Dixie Classic Fair in Winston-Salem. In 1956 he became manager of the state Farmer’s Market in Raleigh and was named outstanding farmer’s market manager in the nation in 1964. Three months later he was appointed commissioner of agriculture.

During his tenure he was one of the biggest advocates for the state’s tobacco farmers and is also credited with turning the state fair into the huge success it is today. Eradication of the boll weevil was a big step for the commissioner and in 1987 he declared the region free of the pest. Former Governor Jim Hunt praised the “Sodfather,” as he will always be remembered by thousands of North Carolinians, as having done more for farmers and the agriculture industry than anyone in the history of the state.

Frater Graham was awarded Teke Alumnus of the Year in 1980. He gave selflessly of his time, abundant talent and energy to make TKE and life around him something better for everyone.

Troy State University AZ
Keith Shipman: December 1, 2003. Keith, 39, had heart problems for several years and leaves behind his widow Kim and two young children.

University of Central Oklahoma EΣ
Eugene C. Lehman ’88; October 21, 2003. Frater Lehman, 40, was killed when his single-engine plane crashed in a cornfield following take off from an airport near Brookville, Ohio, in Clay Township. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, and two children, Victoria and Ashton.

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater ΣΩ
Bradley Nelson Wolf ’98; October 19, 2003. Frater Wolf, 28, was born July 25, 1975, in Madison. He received a bachelor of business administration degree from UW-Whitewater and was employed as a salesman with General Beverage. He enjoyed golfing, boating, bowling and football. He was known for his outstanding personality.
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Past Grand Prytanis Joel E. Johnson (left), with his wife Cora and TEF Chairman Russell H. Heil.

Joel E. Johnson has been named the 2004 Fraternity for Life award recipient for his lifetime involvement within TKE and financial commitment to TEF. That involvement began at Iota-Omicron Chapter, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, where he served as Prytanis. A Knight of Apollo, Johnson became a member of the TKE professional staff upon graduation, and a regional volunteer thereafter. He was elected to the Grand Council in 1975, and culminated his service as Grand Prytanis 1985-1987. He served as a TEF Director from 1984 to 1997, and continued his involvement as a member of the TEF Council of Advisors and Board Nominations Chairman. He is among the top lifetime donors to the Foundation.

Epsilon-Nu Chapter Marks 50th

Tekes at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point celebrated their 50th anniversary of the founding of Kappa Lambda Mu Colony which became Epsilon-Nu Chapter. Grand Prytanis Mark Romig was on hand to recognize the Founding Fathers, chapter members who have doubled their size over the past year, and the Apollo Alumni Association, which is one of the strongest groups within all of TKE, boasting nearly 25 percent of total chapter alumni as dues-paying members. It garnered the first ever TKE Outstanding Alumni Association Achievement award in 1999. Epsilon-Nu has led all of TKE in the percent of members supporting the TKE Educational Foundation since 1997.

Some of the Epsilon-Nu Founding Fathers with Grand Prytanis Mark Romig: (from left) Dale Lightfuss #3, Romig, Larry LaBelle #8, and Walter Aumann #20.

Grand Prytanis Mark Romig recognized Gaylon Barz (left) and Phil Kallas (right) with TKE Key Leader Awards for their dedicated leadership of the Apollo Alumni Association.

On hand were the Founders of the Apollo Alumni Association for Epsilon-Nu Chapter: (from left) Fraters Bob Johnson, Jim Haferman and Tim Taschwer.
Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, was initiated into Iota Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon at Eureka College in Illinois in 1929 as the 169th member. He served as Prytanis of the chapter. The TKE Alumnus of the Year in 1958 lived his TKE experience throughout his life and assisted the Fraternity on a number of projects. He always had time for interacting with Tekes throughout his acting and political careers. In 1984, at a TKE White House luncheon, he received the Fraternity’s highest honor, the Order of the Golden Eagle.

In 1984, the TKE Educational Foundation established the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award, with the president’s approval and acceptance. It is presented annually to an undergraduate member of TKE in recognition of outstanding leadership, as demonstrated by an individual’s activities and accomplishments with his chapter, on campus and in the community, while maintaining a good academic record. In endorsing the award, Frater Reagan stated,

“I am very grateful for the special way in which Tau Kappa Epsilon has chosen to honor me. The establishment of the ‘Ronald Reagan Leadership Award’ is one of the finest tributes I have ever received.”

Through the years the award has been supported by alumni and friends of Frater Reagan. What greater tribute could there be to the memory of a true Frater in the Bond than to celebrate his lifelong love of TKE with a memorial gift to the Ronald Reagan Leadership Fund, which will assist future generations of Tekes in perpetuity. Donations may be directed to the TKE Educational Foundation.

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