

GO-Lite

Man of the Year: Nick Lombardi

Nick Lombardi was a pledge at the Gamma Omicron chapter of Kappa Sigma in the fall of 2002. During that semester he was the Pledge Class President. The next fall he was Pledge Master. In the Spring of 2004 he was the Grand Procurator, and then served as Grand Master from the Fall of 2004 until this last February. Also during that time he sat as Risk Management chair, Alumni relations chair, and served on a rush committee.

During his four years of living in the house, Nick has maintained a 3.0 GPA. In 2003 he attended the Grand Conclave in Tampa Bay, and then returned in 2005 to Las Vegas. He also is Jackson's Man #660, and has achieved the Grand

Master of Ceremonies level of ritual proficiency.

More specific achievements of his include, being the first pledge master for the new 60 day pledge program. He has personally initiated over 80 brothers. And, during his time as Grand Master he revamped the Executive Committee Oversight hierarchy for the chapter. He also compiled a large notebook detailing the duties of the Grand Master, and has passed that down to the current Grand Master. Finally, he developed the ongoing fundraising effort of selling the pictures of the house that were published in the GO-Lite and are available for anyone to buy.

2006 Kappa Sigma Rush Report

Overall goals and strategies: Have 40-45 rushes signed by before the fall '06 term. We as the rush team are going to stress the importance of rush to the other members of the house. We are going to sell the house to the rushes to best of our ability using whatever resources we need to present Kappa Sigma in a way that will appeal to them. (These resources do not include alcohol).

Short term goals for the remainder of the spring term: Have rushes come visit the house every weekend in smaller groups from 3-6 kids at a time; so we can meet them on a personal level and take them to dinner and show them the house along with meeting some of our members. This strategy is a lower cost method that will make the rushes feel like they are special and are not one of a big group that gets lost in the shuffle. We will be having at least three larger rush events for the spring. One of them is this Saturday, it is a casino night / barbecue that we be held in our basement. The other two will be a softball game at broken arrow field here in Lawrence; that date is tentative, and next Saturday we will be going to the Royals game. Both events we will be providing some sort of food: either pizza or a grill out.

Plans for summer rush: Keep in contact with the kids that have already signed and keep them up to date on the house. Continue to rush kids that have not decided on a living arrangement for the fall. Kevin and I, the two primary rush chairs, will be living in Lawrence, so it will be easy for us to give a house tour if need be.

Spring 2006 Pledge Class:

Brett Coupe
Overland Park, KS

Collin Kitzrow
Overland Park, KS

Evan Mcfarlane
Overland Park, KS

Scott Green
Hays, KS

Spencer King
Overland Park, KS

Bobby Zwolinski
Chicago, IL

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Billy Brandtonies '02



Report from the Grand Master

Scholarship

In an effort to increase our academic success, we have begun to mandate actives and New initiates with below a 2.5 GPA to go to study hours. We have been enforcing fines for absences. The 6 spring pledges have also been attending study hours frequently. One of the efforts we began last semester was keeping class schedules and syllabi of all pledges and brothers with subpar GPAs. This has allowed the scholarship chair to remind them of important dates so tests and papers would be given more attention.

Results of our efforts have yet to be seen, but early indications, as well as a tip from a member of IFC, point to us moving up several spots to the middle of the fraternity standings.

Pledgeship

Following the events of last semester, and in accordance with the 60 pledge program, our pledgemaster with the help of exec has completely rewritten our old pledge program. We have and will try many new bonding activities with the pledges, while completely eliminating all hazing or alcohol related activities.

We have 6 pledges this semester, and all have responded well to the new program. We intend to adjust the new program into a permanent facet of the chapter, and one that will be used beginning next fall. I'd like to thank Jim Kay, this semester's pledge master, for all of his hard work and creativity.

Fundraising

In an effort to help pay off the fine and our shortfall, the chapter has begun many new fundraising programs. Besides making money of mom and dad's day events, as well as t-shirt sales, we have been selling the pictures of the house for the entire year. I'd like to remind you all now that pictures are available for a reduced price on the table in the entryway.

In the future we plan to have entire house fundraising events, such as working at the NASCAR race, as well as more sales. Expect to see a calendar in the future featuring a different painting of the letters each month.

Community Service

We have had a hard time scheduling community service events with all the other activities we have had and will have this spring. As part of the trusteeship

program we have to have at least 1 community service event a semester, so we will have one major event by the end of the semester. We also have brothers who do individual community service events every week, including two who are involved in the natural ties program.

Trusteeship

As you all know, as part of the SEC mandates, we have been placed under Trusteeship. Our trustee, Jason Tarwater, has met with the Executive Committee to plan out the requirements of the program. One of the major parts of the program that the chapter has begun is the turning in of all necessary chapter programs, including alumni development, ritual, and pledgship. We have decided to go above and beyond those requirements, and have every position type out their position's duties, and also include any necessary standards or programs, for example the scholarship requirements that the chairs enforce. When every position holder has done this, we are going to make a notebook of all the positions to turn in to the trustee, as well as have for the future good of the chapter. This can be used by anyone interested in the duties of a position, or when they have won a position it will help them in knowing the day-to-day work of that position.

Another requirement of trusteeship is participating in a rush retreat. The date for this will be Saturday, June 17th, the week before formal rush begins. We plan on having many of the Kansas area actives attend the retreat to prepare us to do our best at formal rush, and keep our position at the top of all fraternities again this summer.

Future Goals

First and foremost if rush. We have set a very ambitious

goal of 40 pledges. Even 30 pledges would put more members in the house than we have had in recent years.

Secondly would be scholarship. Although no other brother might admit it, the alcohol free status of the house, I believe, should help grades this semester. If we maintain our scholarship program for the future, we should be able to stay in the middle of the standings.

The trusteeship program should help organize our chapter more, so that we will have a more efficient exec for the future. The development of the position's notebook should help the future leaders of the chapter.

Finally, we would like to continue building a great relationship with the alumni and nationals. We intend to do this through meetings like this, future alumni events including homecoming, and as part of the trusteeship program.

In the Breaking News

House Director Helen Lierz Announces Retirement --- --Helen has served Kappa Sigma as House Mother for fifteen years, including holding the Chapter together socially during the year of the great renovation when the men had no "Home". Helen will depart at the end of spring semester to enjoy a well-earned rest at her home in Seneca, Kansas. Helen has served as "Mom" to over 400 Kappa Sigma brothers as well as mother to two Chapter alumni--Mark Lierz and Steve Lierz. We thank Mark and Steve for lending Helen to the rest of us. The Corporation Board is developing plans to honor Helen at Homecoming this fall.

Kappa Sigma needs a new "Mom"

**House Director search
underway; mother or spouse of
a Kappa Sigma will get prompt
consideration.**

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Alumni Updates!

Robert L. Guthrie '55

Robert told us he is beginning to wonder about how “retired” he is. He has been elected to the board of Builders Mutual Insurance Company and the Family Health International Foundation. In addition he is one of the organizers and will be a director of a new bank in Raleigh to be called Capstone Bank. Life is interesting and he is still enjoying his “retirement”.

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Tom Brosh '65

Tom Brosh (Gamma-Omicron, '65) retired from the Community College of Aurora (Aurora, CO) in 2001, after serving for twenty-one years as Music Department Chair, Professor of Music, then Dean of Humanities, Fine Arts and Social Sciences. From 1972 to 1980, he was a member of the music theory and composition faculty at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. His wide variety of acoustic and electronic compositions has been performed throughout the United States and in France and Germany. His music has also been featured on radio and television broadcasts. The American Music Research Center at the University of Colorado-Boulder is the repository of his complete archive of original compositions and related materials. Tom's professional website is located at www.amc.net (American Music Center). Most recently, he performed his newest composition, [PIECE FOR PIANO: To R.D.H. (2006)], at a memorial concert for Roger Hannay at the University of North Carolina. Roger, who passed away in January, was Tom's colleague and close friend during the 1970s.

Tom and his wife, Mimi, live in Castle Rock, CO, and have two grown children, Denton and Kourtney. Their email address is tmbrosh@msn.com. In addition to his musical pursuits, Tom enjoys tennis and

skiing. His father and brother were Kappa Sigmas at Colorado College (Colorado Springs) and the University of Colorado-Boulder, respectively. Tom was pleased that both of them took part in his 1965 Gamma-Omicron initiation at K.U.

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Lloyd B. Hanahan '56

Lloyd recalls that it is hard to believe it has been 8 years this fall since the ceremony to dedicate the dramatically reconstructed beloved chapter house on 1045 Emery Road (He remembers it as 1045 West Hills, when he was an Active). He still thinks of his appreciation for the financial support of over 400 brothers in raising the nearly \$3 million (which included \$.8 million debt) to make the reconstruction possible. That reconstruction culminated a long 10+ year period of planning, fund raising, and struggling to reach our goals. Lloyd took the lead to raise the funds and rebuild the chapter house, while Ed Grass '77 took the lead to keep the chapter together. It gave him a wonderful opportunity to get re-acquainted not only with brothers of “his time” at the chapter, but a very rewarding experience of interacting with brothers before and after “his time”. Without the financial support of these 400+ Brothers, Gamma-O would be “dark” by now. That has happened to many chapters at the University of Kansas (ATO, Delts, Sigma Nu, Teaks, etc., etc.).

While he is no longer on the House Corporation Board, Chairman Fred Green '61 keeps him informed and is doing a super job of tending to the flock at Gamma-O. He has had his hands full this past year or so. Lloyd recalls “Our Order owes Fred a debt of gratitude. His contributions have been exemplary.”

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Alumni Updates!

Jim C. Wright '57

Jim Wright currently resides in Topeka Kansas. He was initiated in 1957, and graduated in 1960. Jim owns Wright Law Office and is married to Rev. Patti Slider. They have 5 children, Lori, 42, Jeb, 39, Andrew, 34, Ashley, 31, Charlie, 29.

- 700 Jackson, Topeka, Kansas, 66603
- 785-273-4294

Kent Sundgren '72

Kent just celebrated 24 years of marriage to the same wife! He has two wonderful sons, one going to University of Northern Colorado next fall, KU out-of-state tuition just too much. His younger son will be a junior at Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs, where Kent and his family have lived since 1996. Kent's two sons anchored the offensive line for the high school's football team last year, thus he is a very proud papa. Kent is happy to report he is the Chain-gang committee chairman for the team's home games! His wife, Debbie, is an all-day Kindergarten teacher, and Kent is a certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider Coach, which is his main occupation for now. He is also planning to get back into the financial arena soon as a Private Trustee and Private Conservator. Additionally, he is also a Federal Fiduciary for the V A, to help with the financial concerns of disabled vets.

- 1835 Starstone Ct Colorado Springs, CO 80919
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Charles Stephens '49

Charles let's us know he is "facing a year with two major events". The first (already behind him) is his 75th birthday and second (yet to come), the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his mar-

riage to Amy. He is happy to report that "life has been good to me as I enjoy three children, eight grandchildren, excellent health and the Southern California lifestyle."

Charles has turned over his company to his younger son and is fully involved with a group making investments in young companies, primarily engaged in high technology ventures. He finds it most satisfying dealing with bright young "techie" and trying to understand the intricacies of internet tracking and semiconductor enhancement among other things.

He still plays the piano most every day. and hopes all is well with his fellow Gamma O's.

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Ryan Craig '01

Ryan Craig, initiated in 2001, graduated in 2004 and is now living in Washington, D.C. Working for Sherwin-Williams as a Professional Coatings Sales Representative, he can be reached by mail at

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Neil Mceachen '92

Neil Mceachen was initiated in '92 and graduated in '95. Currently residing in Mission, Kansas, Neil works for Vance Publishing in Advertising Sales. He is married to his wife, Dana and can be reached at

- 4817 Dearborn Mission, KS, 66202
- 913-302-4258

Chapter Celestial

Samuel C. Brubaker

Samuel C. Brubaker passed away at his home in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, on November 19, 2005 following a long illness. He was survived by his wife Jeanie of Mt. Pleasant, SC, a daughter Sherry Ging of Charleston, SC, a son Samuel C. Brubaker, Jr of N. Charleston, SC, six grandchildren: Robby Brubaker of Honolulu, Hawaii, Barry Brubaker of Pennsville, NJ, Bridget Brubaker of Pennsville, NJ, Michael Ging, Abby Ging, and Patrick Ging of Charleston, SC, a great grandchild, Evelyn Mizuki Brubaker of Honolulu, Hawaii, a sister, Myra Ann Leo of Marmoro, NJ, and a nephew Joey Leo of Englewood, FL. He is pre-deceased by his first wife, Barbara Buchanan.

Born on September 20, 1934 in Newburg, New York to the late Charles and Myra Smith Brubaker, Sam attended Penns Grove High School in New Jersey and received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Purdue University where he was a Kappa Sigma. His career included working with the : EI DuPont company in chemicals, Bayer Chemical Company as plant manager in Charleston, and was the founder and owner of Blinds Plus in North Charleston. He was very proud of the legacy built through this window coverings company.

Sam was integrally involved in service to the communities where he and his family lived. He loved to travel, and enjoyed taking the "back roads" where the scenery unfolded. Following sporting activities to include Purdue's teams was a source of enjoyment with family and friends.

Services for Samuel C. Brubaker will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 23, 2005 at Sacred Heart Church 888 King St. Charleston, SC. Entombment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery on James Island, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are requested with Hospice of Charleston at 3870 Leeds Ave, Suite 101, North Charleston, SC 29405 or with the American Cancer Society, 5900 Core Road, Suite 504, N. Charleston, SC 29406.

Paul William Bartsch, Jr.

Paul William Bartsch, Jr. was born July 1, 1930 and died February 21, 2006. Paul Leaves four daughters and a son; Ellen Marie Bartsch of Kansas City, MO, Sheryl Ann Bunce of Lenexa, KS, Debra Lynn Templeton of Richmond, VA, Amy Louise Sayler of Dayton, OH, Duane Lee Bartsch of Manhattan Beach, CA; additionally there are 14 grandchildren and a sister, Barbara McCartney of Topeka, KS. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Anna Marie, brother, John and his beloved wife of 47 years, Louisa Ellen who died 3 years ago.

Paul was born in Newton, Kansas. He became a Christian at the age of nine and rededicated his life to Christ in 1981. The family moved to Topeka, Kansas in 1943, where Paul graduated from Topeka High School and received a basketball scholarship to Washburn University. He participated in the Korean War from 1951-1952 with the U.S. Marine Corps. Upon his discharge, he attended and graduated from Kansas University. At K.U., Paul joined Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and as an alumnus was chosen the national and international alumnus advisor of the year and later inducted into the K.U. Kappa Sigma Hall of Fame. While still a student, Paul met and married Louisa Hall. After graduation, he worked for several firms, before joining and retiring from TWA as an industrial engineer.



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