

*Gamma-Omicron*  
**Hall of Fame**  
*2008*



**THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2008**  
**CREST ROOM, CHAPTER HOUSE**



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*Welcome.....*

TO THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTION CEREMONY

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The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Gamma-Omicron Hall of Fame Awards are presented by the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Kansas. Conceived as a means of honoring our alumni for outstanding achievements and service, this award has become an integral part of our tradition here at Gamma-O.

Kappa Sigma is a national fraternity with great pride and a tradition of excellence that our many distinguished alumni have served to enhance throughout the years. Since its beginning on May 18, 1912, the Gamma-Omicron Chapter has seen many brothers rise to positions of prominence.

Congratulations to those who have been awarded this honor!

**This year's Hall of Fame inductees are:**

**Rodney Thompson '62, Jack Bondon '71**

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Dave Steen '68

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Brian Harrison '05

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## 2007 Hall of Fame Induction

Rodney Thompson '62

Jack Bondon '71

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Dave Steen '68

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## Rodney L. Thompson '62

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Brother Thompson graduated from the University of Kansas in 1963 with his Bachelors Degree and earned his M.D. from KU Med in 1967. After graduation he undertook an internship at LA County General Hospital/U. Southern California and an Internal Medicine residency at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. Rod served as a Major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as the Commanding Officer of the Army health clinic in Munich, Germany from 1971-1974. He returned to Mayo Clinic in 1974 for subspeciality training in Infectious Disease until joining the staff in 1976.

Rod has been a consulting physician at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN for the past 34 years and has received recognition for his educational work in the Mayo Regional Faculty Program and a Department of Medicine Laureate Award for his clinical work. Over the past 36 years, he has authored or co-authored 68 published articles on a variety of topics concerning infectious disease. He was appointed Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. Since 1983, he has served as the Infection Control Director for the Mayo Medical Center, affiliated hospitals and out-patient clinics in Rochester. He is a member of national societies and associations in the areas of infection diagnosis, treatment and prevention. From 1990-2000, he served as vice-chair of the Division of Infectious Diseases, the largest clinical Infectious Disease practice in the world.

Brother Thompson resides in Rochester with his wife, Carol, and they have 3 sons and a daughter. His oldest is an ER Physician in Portland, Oregon, his middle two are MBA's from Thunderbird International School of Business and his youngest is a Sophomore at KU Med. All are married and Rod has 6 grandchildren. He is a long-time supporter of local community and school programs in Rochester, including the Rochester Figure Skating Club and various youth sports, the Rochester Keyboard Club, a Sunday School teacher and occasional substitute organist at their church.

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Brother Thompson had this to say about Gamma-Omicron and Kappa Sigma, "My appreciation for Kappa Sigma probably exceeds most of the brothers because I first lived a year in a dormitory (the new Templin Hall). I drove a junk car, studied all the time, was invisible to the girls, lacked any goals, and generally had no significant life. I do not know if all the improvements in my college life or successes later can be attributable to Kappa Sigma, but many surely can. Life in the fraternity certainly improved my social skills and self-confidence. It provided a stable environment in which to succeed and a social network with which to cling. Despite a marked increase in social activities I was able to find a major, settle on a career in medicine, maintain an adequate grade point average, and get into medical school at KUMC. I am not sure what else one could ask for. Memories from my fraternity days are firm but probably not very reliable. I am not entirely sure if the events really happened or if they were just in the planning stage." Rodney also had this to say about the fraternity and chapter, " In many ways Kappa Sigma was our family The fraternity goals and expectations provided a framework for behavior and personal development. Having the challenge of a college career was an added bonus. I have been a different person since my college days and a better one I like to think. Kappa Sigma was at the time and in the place where I became an adult and deserves much of the credit."

## Jack C. Bondon '71

Jack graduated from the University of Kansas in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. While at the University of Kansas, Brother Bondon was involved with Rock Chalk Review (1971 and 1972) and was also Junior Class Representative. After graduation, Brother Bondon continued to serve the fraternity as President of the Gamma-Omicron Corporation Board from 1983-85. Jack is the owner and operator of BERBIGLIA WINE AND SPIRITS in Kansas City, Missouri.

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He has received honors in Kansas City as Retailer of the Year and the City of Hope Award. Jack has also served as President of the Wine and Spirits Guild of America. Honors for BERBIGLIA WINE AND SPIRITS include:

- 1995 Blue Chip Award winner, United States Chamber of Commerce.
- Market Watch “Top 10 Retail Chains in America”.
- The Squire “Best Party Shop, Wine/Liquor Store, and Best Beer Selection”.
- Market Watch “Retailer of the Year”.
- Miller Brewing Company, Top 10 Retail Chains in 1995 and 1996.
- 2005 “RETAILER OF THE YEAR” by Beverage Dynamics Magazine.
- 2006 “BEST LIQUOR STORE” Gold Award by Ingrams’s Magazine for 2006.

Jack currently serves on the Board of Regents for Rockhurst University and in 1996 was co-founder of the Kansas City Metro High School Hockey League. Brother Bondon has been married to his KU Sweetheart, Peggy Delta Gamma ‘71 for 33 years. They met in 1971 at the Rock Chalk Review. He has two children, Michaela (29) and Jack Scott (27).

In the fraternity house at KU is a small plaque that reads:

*To the men of Gamma Omicron  
1970-1974  
In recognition of your rise  
From ruins to National Excellence  
Kappa Sigma Alumni*

This sums up Jack’s life as a brother. When asked what Gamma-Omicron and Kappa Sigma mean to him, Brother Bondon had this to say, “In August



1970 I pledged Kappa Sigma. Although my brother had been a member from 1964 to 1968, I did not know any of the current members. I had met a few at rush and liked them all, it seemed like a great fit for me. Two weeks later I received a phone call telling me that the house had burned down. Many pledges that I had met de-pledged. My mother wanted me to leave also because we had no living quarters. Being my first year in college this would be an extra burden. I thought about it long and hard. I decided it was the friends that I made that made the house what it was, not the physical structure.”

They lived in the Gatehouse Apartments for the first semester. They were in foursomes spread out over two blocks and it was two miles to the campus. The brothers made an effort to stick together. They would meet at the pool or for lunch on campus. The fraternity was banished from campus and everyone wrote them off. They could not make it without a house.

Brother Bondon remembers that time, “This burden turned out not to be a burden at all. It was glue, glue that made us stronger and tighter. We vowed to make it. We were as tight as any house on the hill. When we gathered in front of Frazier Hall, everyone pointed at us and said, “There are the Kappa Sigs”. It was a cult.”

When they moved back to the house nothing changed. They had opportunities that no other house had. They showed the house off in every way possible, to alumni, to the sororities, to the professors, and even to the Sigma Nu’s. Brother Bondon’s pledge class was one of the smallest in recent years and the next year they had one of the biggest pledge classes on the hill.

“We built ourselves back by being closer and better than anyone else. Most wrote us off and we vowed to make them wrong. I will never forget those years. I will never forget my brothers, they are the closest friends I have in life still today.”



**“Diligence should be your watchword.  
Whatever you do, do well, and may success  
attend your efforts.”**



The Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity was founded at the University of Kansas on May 18, 1912. We have over 1,000 living alumni and have an undergraduate membership that normally averages about 100 on the Lawrence campus. The stately English Tudor Chapter House at 1045 Emery Road in beautiful “West Hills” was originally built in the 1920’s and came into our possession in 1934. Fully renovated, modernized, and refurnished in 1998 at a cost of approximately \$3,000,000, our home comfortably accommodates 76 men and easily ranks among the top living facilities on campus.





**“The Star and Crescent shall not be worn by every man, but only by him who is worthy to wear it. He must be a gentleman...a man of honor and courage...a man of zeal, yet humble...an intelligent man...a man of truth... one who tempers action with wisdom and, above all else, one who walks in the light of God.”**

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**2008**

**Hall of Fame Inductees:**

Rodney Thompson '62  
Jack Bondon '71

**Chapter Man of the Year:**

Brian Harrison '05

**2007**

David A. N. (Dan) Chase '55  
Michael D. Wolfe '61  
James D. (Jim) Mackenzie '64

**2003**

Richard Guthrie '59  
Roy Knapp '59  
William Textor '59

**2006**

Tom Gee '56  
Don Foster '59  
Fred Frailey '63

**2002**

Walter Cole '50  
Richard Mai '50  
Bill McEachen '52  
C. E. Witt '52  
Edgar B. Grass, III '77

**2005**

Tony Witt '50  
Rick Sarmiento '65  
Larry Walter '69  
Cliff Rovelto '75

**2001**

**U.S. Armed Forces Memorial**

Fred C. Campbell '12  
Marion L. Carter '15  
Don B. Fullmer '32  
Charles F. Pierson '36  
John D. Keeling '39  
Earl G. Lowe, Jr. '40  
William H. McCrum '40  
Francis B. Smith, Jr. '41

**2004**

Robert Guthrie '55  
Kenneth Payne '55  
John Davis '62  
Charles Squire '62



Herbert S. Finney '42  
William H. Fountain '42  
John E. Strand '42  
John E. Sorem '48  
Samuel W. Simpson '57  
Larry E. Martin '58  
Loyd M. Willson '59  
Jack C. Connell '62

### 2000

Richard Nelson '44  
Jay Markley '51  
Jerry Palmer '59  
Richard Davis '60  
David Mackenzie '61

### 1999

Reed Hoffman '41  
Harry Callahan '42  
Frank Darden '45  
Warren Andreas '49  
Noel Rooney '53

### 1998

Robert Gould '63  
David Evans '64

### 1997

Raymond Calene '20  
Thomas Bertelsen '59  
Danforth Austin '65

### 1996

Frank Godding '40  
Harry Hutchens '45  
Jerald Pullins '61  
Alan Mulally '64

### 1995

Lawrence Ochs '42  
Harlan Ochs '47  
Kenneth Ochs '49  
Donald Ochs '50  
Lloyd Hanahan '56

### 1994

Kenneth Rankin '28  
Elis Cave '29  
Harry West '29  
Rich Lyon '34  
John Heisler '41  
Roger James '42  
Wallace Foster '46  
Henry Buck '53  
Fred Green '61

### 1993

Robert Ferris '34  
George Godding '39  
Paul Bartsch '55

### 1992

Col. August E. Schanze '18  
John F. Redmond '31  
James Hitt '32  
C. H. Cowell '34  
Albert Speath '34  
Howard Engleman '38  
Frederick Murfin '38  
Louis Ward '38  
Robert J. Dole '42  
J. Richard Smith '52  
Robert J. Eaton '59



*Not for an hour ... a day ...  
or college term only ... but for life.*

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