



Alumni Newsletter
2017

Kappa-Chi Chapter

Op-ed

The years 2016-2017 marked an important transformation in the Kappa-Chi chapter. We, as a chapter, became more professional, more prepared, more open to Concordia administration, to alumni, to other chapters and to International HQ. We now encompass all stakeholders in our community. They all have strengths and something to bring to the table, and we will make sure to give back at least as much as they bring us. Being Prytanis is an honor. I learned a lot in this position and it made me a better man. Every day since my election as the president of our chapter, I tried my best to live by our values of Love, Charity and Esteem. It is hard, but not impossible. Our survival is at the discretion of our capacity to live by these values. Not the money we collect from parties, not the amount of members in our active chapters. But the survival of Love, Charity and Esteem. Our values, that are unique to our Fraternity, are the Guiding Principles that every Teke should do his best to follow. Our championship culture makes us strive to become the best chapter at Concordia University, in Montréal and in North America. But this is not feasible if we lose ourselves on the path to success.

Every time I lay my eyes on my chapter, I am proud to call each one of them Frater, a brother of mine. I trust absolutely every one of my brothers, and hope it is reciprocal.

I seized the opportunity to attend Charles Walgreen Jr's Leadership Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. It was an eye-opening experience: I met so many strong leaders there. Everyone had so much energy even though we had 15 hours of material non-stop delivered to us. Each time I lack some motivation to achieve certain tasks, such as writing up this newsletter, I think back about my time in the Academy. This gives me the boost needed and I keep on working, "grinding" and succeeding.

On these words, I hope you will enjoy this newsletter, covering our most important moments of the year 2017. For any inquiry, please contact me at L2V2I@hotmail.fr or +1(514)582-9379.

Fraters, I wish you the best,

Frater Venerable Past Prytanis Louis "No-Lie" ARROU-VIGNOD KX-566



Celebrating our 50th Red Carnation Ball

We would like to extend a big thanks to all attendees of the 50th edition of the Red Carnation Ball. It was “the best RCB we’ve seen” according to International HQ attendees.

Fifty generations of Kappa-Chi were present. We would like to take the opportunity to once again congratulate recipients of awards and thank once again Fraters **Matthew Itovitch**, **Marc St-Martin** and **Kevin Harrison** for their relentless work in organizing our ball.

Due to technical difficulties, the pictures will be posted soon. Frater Venerable Alumnus **Matthew Itovitch** will give everyone a link to



access them. We hope to see you to our 51st edition! Details will be given shortly.

KX is going digital: Instagram and Website

We restarted our **Instagram** page and it is now managed by Frater Jonah. Our posts have gained enough traction to be reposted on IHQ’s page!

You can access it through:

<https://www.instagram.com/tke.kx/>

Also, we reuploaded our website. You can access it through <http://www.tkekx.com>



**Pete Dawson
(Xi-Gamma)**

Regional and alumni director, Pete is now our go-to person when we need resources or to contact IHQ. He has been selfless and helpful since May and we could not thank him enough for all the work he did for us.

Charity

Throughout the year, our active members actively worked to achieve our charity goals, led by our Philanthropy chair, Frater Pylortes **Ryan**. First, we participated in Light The Night Walk event as coordinators, a fundraising to fight Leukemia. It was widely successful and we had a lot of fun.

Then, our members helped the Veteran Association through the sale of poppies. We also assisted the Remembrance Day ceremony and added a crown of flowers.

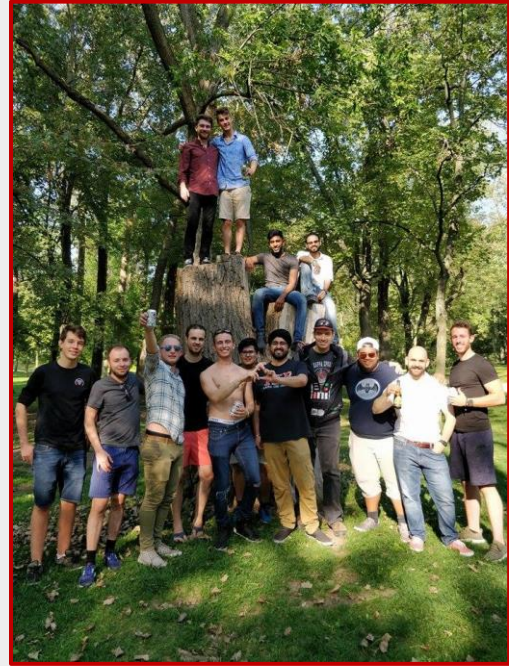


Finally, Frater Grammateus **Tristan** got pied for Pie-a-Deeper! This is an event organised by a sorority at Concordia University, Delta Phi Epsilon where they throw pies at their members and volunteers from other organizations in order for them to raise money for they philanthropy (Cystic Fibrosis). We thank him for giving his time and cleanliness for a good cause.



A well-rounded rush

Our Rush was widely successful thanks to Frater Hegemon **Baptiste**'s intense work during the summer and the beginning of the semester. We had largely attended events such as our Alumni BBQ, our traditional Spaghetti Mixer with the Zets and games of Archery Tag. They were all very amusing and we are thankful to Alumni that attended our events. We managed to obtain more than 50 signatures during Rush, which resulted into 8 pledges.



Visit from a Legend

During the summer, we had the chance to have a visit from an International Teke legend: Frater **Buckwheat Perry**. His advices on rush and how to run a chapter are known across Teke nation and we were lucky

enough that he took the time to travel to Montreal to share his teachings. He was accompanied by Tau Omega's Chapter Advisor, Frater **Will First**, and our Regional Advisor, Frater **Pete Dawson**.



Pro-tip: get an office

Thanks to the hard work of our Chapter Advisor, Frater Venerable Alumnus **Matthew Itovitch** and in exchange of lengthy man-hours of painting corridor of the English Speaking Catholic Council's building, we managed to obtain an office at the 4th floor. This office is now used for weekly meetings, stocking our Teke trivia such as banners and rush kits, as well as a study spot in times of need. We would be more than happy to let you visit it if you wish! The address is 2005 St. Marc, close to Concordia University.



Fair fight at Greek-Weekend

During the first weekend of November, we had our biannual competition amongst the Fraternities and Sororities of UdeM and Concordia. We fought hard during Trivia Night, Sports Day (2nd place), Scavenger Hunt (2nd place) and Talent Night. Overall, we were happy about our performance and we are excited to try and take the trophy home next semester!



Brothers in Tekes' clothings

As our numbers increase, we take pride in having new letters to represent our Fraternity around campus and across the world. On one hand, we received a shipment of black hoodies with golden letters. We have extra stocks to be sold. You can contact Frater Venerable Prytanis **Jeewan** for more details.

For Greek-Weekend, Frater Epiptytanis **Sacha** offered to participants TKE letters with impressive design, which made a lot of organizations jealous



Finally, Frater **Jonah** got a new letterman jacket and never leaves home without it.

A surprising sweetheart

At our 50th Red Carnation Ball, we elected our sweetheart. For the second year consecutive, Katya was chosen by our chapter. Her kindness, presence and help have been really appreciated and we could not have been as successful without our sweetheart. To show her commitment towards our Fraternity, she crafted, painted and varnished our very own Beer-pong table with incredible details and efforts.

Announcements

January 18th: We will begin the year 2018 with our official IFC party. It will take place at Café Campus. We will use our profits for our Chapter Fundraising and keep our account in the green. This is yet another opportunity for us to be more visible in our community, using it as a recruitment tool and offer our guests quality time.

February 2-4th: a fairly large delegation will go to the Regional Leadership Conference in New Jersey, on the first weekend of February. There are still places available: <http://www.tke.org/programs/rlc>.

End of February: we will begin a week-long of events that we hope will become a new tradition. This is the TEKE-week, which is composed of events representing all our pillars: brotherhood, scholarship, leadership... Once our schedule is out, you will be the first to hear about it!



KX is going International

After years of growing stronger internally, our Chapter has made conscious efforts to open itself to all other TKE chapters in our Region, especially Tau Omega in Ottawa and Sigma-Gamma in Plattsburgh. In the former, a full car of fraters assisted to Tau Omega's victory at their Greek-weekend. We were sleeping in one of their Fraternity House and we were warmly welcomed. In the latter,

fraters and our sweetheart visited the Chapter during their retreat and they congratulated their Newly Initiated Brothers.

These connections were made possible thanks to the provincial forum, PEC, organized in Ottawa by Pete Dawson and Tau Omega. We hope to see our Fraters very soon.



Newly Initiated Brothers

From the Fall semester of 2017, we now have 3 NIBs: Fraters Anis, Mathias and Dustin.

Anis



“When I first saw the guys at a rush event, it seemed like they knew each other for years. They were all different and interesting people who welcomed me with warmth. I don't have a predefined goal yet. I'll just keep on doing what I started when I was an associate member: get to know better each brother in hope of building a stronger bond. This year I'm spending the holidays with my family, here in Montreal. I'd like to go to Europe next year, if everything goes well. I just started university in engineering, so my professional path is not very clear yet. I know one thing for sure: a career in design is what I'm aiming for. Fun facts: I'm a very slow texter, yet I get annoyed when people don't reply fast. Also, there's still, in my old high school, a photograph of me in a lab coat doing a chemistry experiment (advertisement for future

students): I failed chemistry.”

“Before attending any TKE rush events, I had a pre-conceived notion that fraternities are all about partying, sex, drugs and alcohol, which made me reluctant on joining a fraternity. However, after attending some of TKE's rush events and getting to know the active members, I quickly realized that I was wrong. I found that TKE is about getting to meet people from different backgrounds, building lifelong connections, giving back to the community, and providing a platform for self-development. After having attended most of the rush events, I knew that TKE was the place for me because It would help with my growth, my development, my character building and, most importantly, it would help me become a better person in the process, and it would also allow me to make lifelong bonds along the way. Now that I am an active member, I would like to be actively involved in the fraternity and attend as many events as I can. I would also like to see our chapter flourish to its fullest potential by actively being a part of the recruitment process [...]. Also, I would like to possibly take on the Crysophylos role in the near future. [...] I would like to travel and do a 3-month backpack trip around Europe once I have the time to do so.

Dustin



For my professional life, I am currently completing an undergraduate degree in Finance at JMSB, which I plan to finish within the next three years. Afterwards, I would like to pursue a master in Finance and obtain a CFA designation. Once I have completed my university studies, I plan to work for a financial advising firm. [...] Fun fact: I have been a snowmobile enthusiast since I was 6 years old, I love hitting up the trails early in the morning and I love going fast.”

Mathias



"-I thought that the TEKEs were really cool guys because they were all hanging out at the BBQ. They looked like they knew and respected one another. Also, they knew what to do to become better men. As an active member, I would like to buy a chapter house to host official events and ceremonies for all the brothers. I would also like to have chapter houses in Paris and Mexico City, open to brothers. For vacations, I would like to go to Australia across the desert to go from one coast to the other. For my professional life, I would like to open my own production house just like Warner Bros and make my own movies. Fun fact: I was born in Mexico even if I don't look like it."

Initiation



For the Fall semester, the active chapter as well as Venerable Alumni went to a cabin 4 hours East to Montréal. This initiation was a great success. The place was fantastic and some brothers stayed awake in the early mornings to discuss the importance of our values of Love, Charity and Esteem. Among with our rituals, Frater **Louis** brought his knowledge of experiential learning that he acquired at Leadership Academy, to bring the chapter even closer. We had an amazing time, thanks to Fraters **Chris** and **Matthew** at the kitchen, **Shau** for his energy and **Itovitch** for his in-depth knowledge of our Fraternity's history.



Welcome back and Farewell Fraters!

During the Fall semester, two of our active members, Frater **Brett** and Frater **Blake** went to Germany for work-related events. Now, they have come back to Montréal stronger, smarter and more ready than ever to help our Chapter.

In addition, Frater **Jad** will take a study break to return to his roots and refocus on him only to come back wiser in Fall 2018.

From the desk of the Prytanis



Dearest Fraters,

As we get closer to the conclusion of the 51st year of Kappa Chi's existence, I am reminded of words said and promises made at the Golden Jubilee Celebration of our chapter this past summer. Throughout the intervening time, the active chapter has endeavoured to live up to those words, put our best foot forward and match and improve upon the great precedents set by generations of Kappa Chi Tekes that have come before us. Through this lovingly curated newsletter, I hope that you all are able to see for yourself the activities and events that the active chapter organized this past semester. It is my hope that we get to see and hear from more of you fine gentlemen at future events.

Let me also take this opportunity, to wish you and your family, a very Happy Holidays! May the ideals of Love, Charity and Esteem, forever light the path to success and happiness.

Yours in the Bond

Jeewan Jyot Singh, KX-579