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Omega Tekes Recognized for Outstanding Achievements

The Omega Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon was recently recognized for two outstanding chapter achievements by the Office of the Grand Chapter:

Excellence in Involvement - Community Service and **Excellence in Achievement - St. Jude.**

The awards were announced at the annual TKE Conclave held in August 2017 in New Orleans.

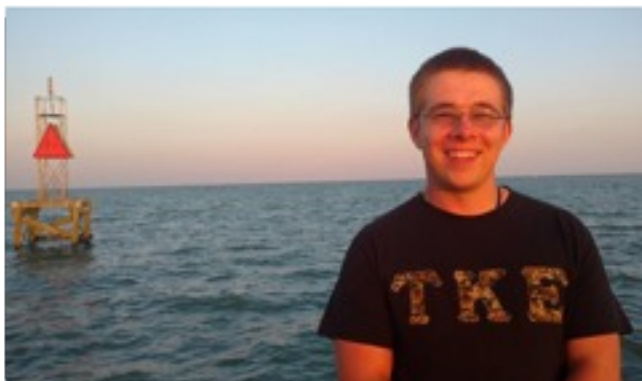
"On behalf of the International Headquarters of Tau Kappa Epsilon, I want to congratulate all of our 2016-2017 Award Winners," said **Chief Executive Officer Donald E. Aldrich (Rho-Upsilon)**.

"These chapters and individual Fraters are prime examples of the impact that Tau Kappa Epsilon can have on campuses and communities. Congratulations to the collegiate men who are aiding in building a championship culture within TKE!"



Omega Chapter was represented at TKE Conclave by Fraters (left-right) **Glenn Knight '19, Joshua Sannes '19, Zack Brubeck '19** and **Quinten Mahoney '19**.

A Day in the Life... Frater T.J. Sanders '17



Frater T.J. Sanders '17 currently works for FEMA Corps and was sent with his team to areas in Texas impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Dear Fraters of Omega Chapter,

I am currently in FEMA Corps which is an agreement between AmeriCorps NCCC and FEMA. When there is a presidentially-declared disaster AmeriCorps sends trained teams to the affected areas to help survivors get the help they need. My job more specifically is to make sure survivors are registered with FEMA and are able to receive aid to make sure their homes are habitable and to reimburse other costs incurred because of the storm.

My team heads out everyday around 7 a.m. and join forces with other FEMA employees in a small town outside of Corpus Christi, Texas. I have talked to so many people, some are fine, but others are not.

RV trailers are flipped over, houses with trees laying on or in them, and so much more. I started to be more appreciative of the simple things in life after seeing this.

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The Sweetheart of TKE

Becca Enerson '19

The new academic year is off to a great start at the Omega Chapter house, with **Becca Enerson '19** as the newest Sweetheart of TKE. Becca is from Huntington Woods, MI and is majoring in Biology, with a minor in Chemistry and Psychology (Pre-Vet). On campus, she serves as treasurer of the Student Volunteer Bureau, and is involved with the Albion College Nwagni Project.



A Day in The Life...

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Not having power means no a/c, no stove if it's electric and no lights. There also wasn't any water here for a while. Imagine a town where everyone is using a porta potty. It's the little things that will get to your head here. However, the amount of people who go above and beyond to help their neighbors is astonishing. I have seen a man with a broken foot take care of elderly veterans. I have been offered water more times than I can count. Even today, someone offered me a golf cart so I didn't have to walk door to door with my partner.

I have no words to describe what I am feeling here. My week had me based out of a fire station, but now I am working out of an airfield. The amount of damage in this area is a real tragedy, but everyday my team and I are managing to make it less so. I just hope that my actions here will inspire more TKE's to get out of their comfort zones to help those in need in anyway that they can.

Yours in the bond,

Frater T.J. Sanders '17
Omega #1796
FEMA Corps



HOMECOMING

October 20-21, 2017

*Mark your calendars for
Albion College Homecoming
Weekend*

TKE, Omega Chapter Annual Alumni Open House

*Alumni Fraters, friends and
family are welcome to attend the
annual Omega Chapter
Open House*

Saturday, October 21

Starting at 11 a.m.

*Please join us for lunch and
socializing before or after the game.*



Visit <http://www.albion.edu/alumni/events/homecoming> for more Homecoming information.



The new academic year is off to a great start for TKE! Board of Advisors (BOA), alumni volunteers and collegiate Fraters of Omega gathered on campus on August 27, 2017 for the annual chapter planning session. Key focus areas for the new include academic achievement, rush, house improvement, community and philanthropic service, and alumni relations.

The Gaus Report

Dear Fraters of Omega Chapter,

I am so proud of our active chapter! This past academic year was one in which they truly showed their leadership and excellence to the rest of the TKE Nation. I also thoroughly enjoyed their attendance at the Founder's Day Banquet held this past February that marked the 90th year of Omega Chapter at Albion College. Their support with the ritual and serenading of the TKE Sweethearts (both past and present) were just some of the ways that they helped make the evening one to remember.

This current academic year, like all, presents challenges. However, the active chapter seems well positioned to handle those challenges and should do well again this year. However, the Board of Advisors and the rest of the fraternity alumni need to support them in order for them to achieve Top Teke status.

Within this issue of *The Omen*, and through social media over the course of the year, you can expect to hear more about what you can do to help the chapter. As always, I close with a note of recognition to those who serve as members of the Board of Advisors. I am thankful and proud to work with such a fantastic group of men.

Yours in the Bond...forever.

I love this fraternity!

Frater Jim Gaus '81, Omega # 1160
Chair, Omega Chapter Board of Advisors

*P.S. If you are interested in supporting the chapter by being a part of the Board of Advisors, please contact me via email for more information at: gausjamesdavid@gmail.com
The Board meets four times during the academic year (twice each semester).*



Io Triumphe!
THE JOURNAL OF THE ALUMNI AND STUDENTS OF TAU KAPPA EPSILON, OMEGA CHAPTER

BRITON BITS

ANOTHER CLASSIC FIND



For the Omega chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon, chartered at Albion College on January 1, 1927, a special addition has become part of a special anniversary.

More than 100 members (alumni and students) and guests gathered in Ann Arbor in February to celebrate 90 years and recognize Omega as one of the fraternity's longest continuing chapters. But the gala took on even more significance when, in the weeks leading up to the event, chapter advisor David Towne, '97, learned from a member of a Texas chapter that an original 1926 copy of the successful petition for a TKE charter at Albion was available for purchase on eBay.

"After a flurry of emails and some furious bidding, this document—which helped launch the whole enterprise nine decades earlier—was secured," said Towne, adding that the efforts of Jason Kohut, '97, and donations from several alumni helped the chapter purchase the document (left) that will be displayed in the chapter's trophy case at Homecoming in October.

The Spring/Summer 2017 issue of Io Triumphe featured the above article about TKE.

In Remembrance

The following alumni Fraters of TKE Omega have entered the Chapter Eternal:

Frater Peter Bacon '62 on April 26, 2016 in Traverse City, MI.

Frater David Stone '53 on February 2, 2017 in Largo, FL.

Frater Leland "Lee" Holmes '52 on March 17, 2017 in Novi, MI.

Frater John Stewart '53 on March 18, 2017 in Saginaw, MI.



Several TKE alumni attended the April 21, 2017 **Albion College Distinguished & Young Alumni Awards** event. Honorees included Edmund L. Jenkins '57, father of **Frater Tom Jenkins '85** (above left) and Caitlin Burgess '10, daughter of **Frater Matt Burgess '81** (second from left). Pictured above with Fraters Jenkins and Burgess are (left-right): Jim Anderson '83, Bill Rafai '70, Venerable Past Prytanis Michael Haines '85 and Zach Kribs '15.

(Photo Courtesy of Dave Trumpie)



Frater John Ahee '86 Honored With Lomas Distinguished Alumnus Award



Over the past 90 years, many TKE Omega fraters have dedicated their lives and talents to volunteering, helping others and giving back.

To honor our very own Tekes, the **Bernard T. Lomas Distinguished Alumnus Award** was created in 2013 to recognize TKE alumni who have achieved renown in their careers and/or have an outstanding record of service to their community, the college, or the fraternity. These individuals embody the slogan "**Better Men For A Better World**" and personify our fraternal values of love, charity and esteem.

As TKE marks its 90th year on Albion's campus, the Omega Chapter Alumni Association is extremely proud to bestow the Lomas Award to **Frater John Ahee '86**. The award was announced at the Founder's Day event in February 2017. Due to a volunteer commitment that evening at his children's school, Frater Ahee was unable to attend the event, however he provided the following words of gratitude:

Dear Fraters of Omega Chapter,

"This is such a very special honor! My collegiate years will always be the best years of my life. The life-long friendships are such a blessing to me. I can't imagine my life without Albion and TKE! As much as I learned in the classroom, I think it was bettered by what I learned about life outside the classroom. The memory of those days and celebration of every sort are vivid in my mind 30+ years later. This honor puts a big smile of my face! I am grateful for all that I have in my life."

*Yours in the bond,
Frater John Ahee '86*

Omega Fraters 'TKEing Care' of St. Jude



Seven Omega fraters proved that they are a "cut above" in their support for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Click here to read more in *The Albion Pleiad*: <http://www.albionpleiad.com/2017/09/shaving-hair-and-tkeing-care-of-st-jude/>

(Photo by Frater Christopher Herweyer '17)

About the Lomas Award: A recipient of the Lomas Award will be a distinguished leader in his profession or life's work and an individual of such integrity, stature, and demonstrated ability that collegiate and alumni members of Omega Chapter will take pride in and be inspired by his recognition. Criteria to be considered may include career accomplishments, professional impact, significant publications and research, and service to the community, nation and world.



Chapter House Improvement Plans Underway

Planning and design are underway for major remodeling of the chapter house inside and out. The first two items on the agenda are the basement common areas and an "Alumni Grove" in the front of the house as part of a landscaping improvement plan. These re-imagined spaces will offer our members and guests improved facilities for work, study, and socializing. The professionally-landscaped Grove will also provide a place for remembrance and celebration of the lives of Fraters who have made special contributions to Omega. The Chapter will partner with the College to secure the support of alumni for these important projects, so please watch your mailbox for more information.

(Right: Conceptual drawings for interior and exterior house improvement plans)



Over 100 Fraters and Friends of Omega Chapter Gather for 90th Anniversary Celebration



*Among the alumni guests at the February 25, 2017 Omega Chapter 90th Anniversary event held in Ann Arbor, were past and present Venerable Prytani including (left-right): **Byron Konschuh '82, Michael Haines '85, Maximilian Tech '17, Chris Mantay '13, David Towne '97, Chris Ferriole '12, Jerry Johnson '93** and current Venerable Prytanis **Andrew Alltop '18** (front, seated in Prytanis Chair).*

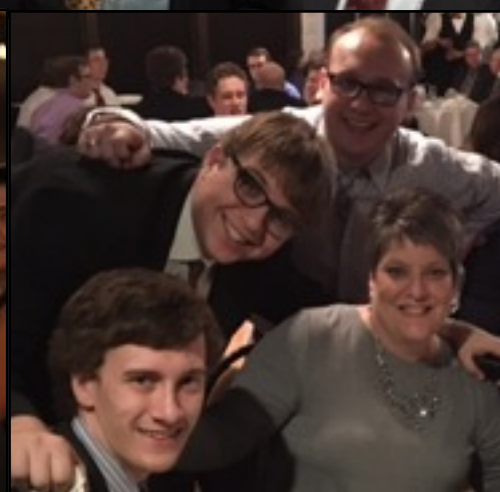




At the event, alumni and collegiate Fraters were invited to sign the back side of a custom-made TKE crest recently purchased on eBay (*pictured left*).

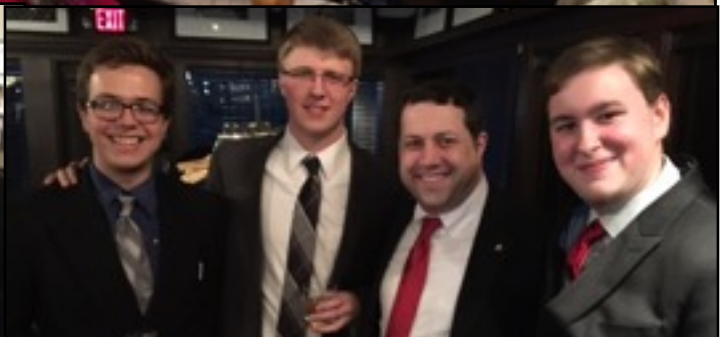


The Founder's Day 90th Anniversary Celebration held on February 25, 2017 was well attended by over 100 alumni and collegiate Fraters of Omega, and friends of the fraternity.



Our beloved house gourmet, Dawn Morgan, enjoyed the evening with her Tekes, and didn't have to cook that night!





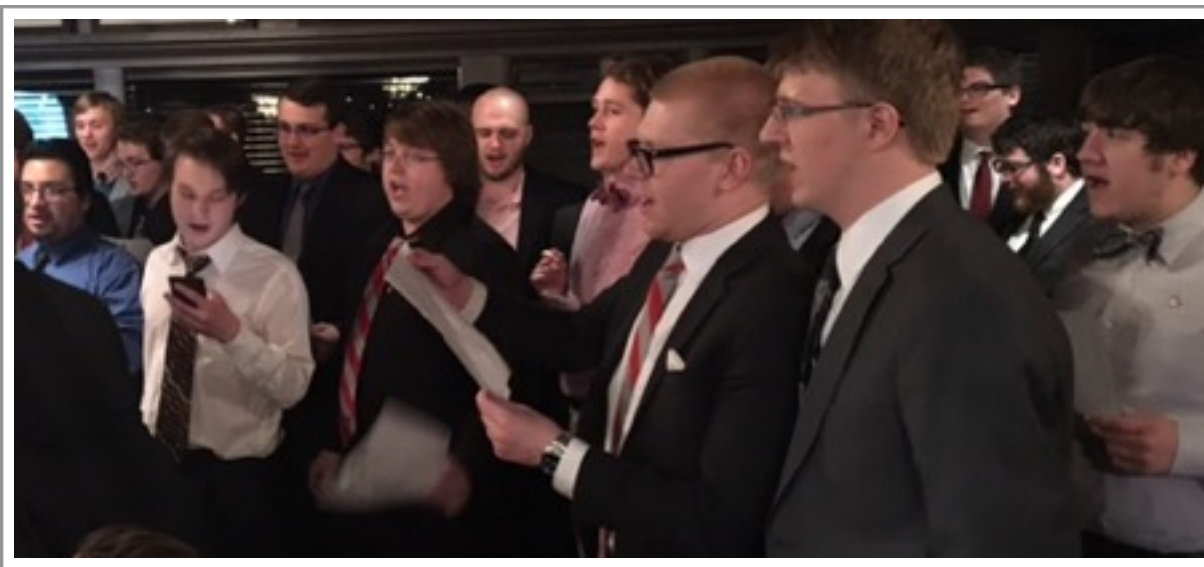
Omega TKE alums from several eras traveled far and wide to attend the 90th Anniversary event. Collegiate fraters also enjoyed socializing with alumni and friends of the fraternity. Here's to ten more years when we will celebrate the Centennial of Omega Chapter in 2027!



90 Years of TKE/Ω: *Better Men for a Better World*



The 90th event was attended by **Grand Province Advisor Mike Peck**, an alumnus of the Upsilon-Delta Chapter at Saginaw Valley and the lead volunteer for Michigan, and **Alumni Engagement Director Pete Dawson**, (above right), a long-time member of the Grand Chapter professional staff and alumnus of Xi-Gamma Chapter. They presented a resolution from the Grand Council congratulating Omega Chapter for 90 uninterrupted years of upholding the values of TKE at Albion.



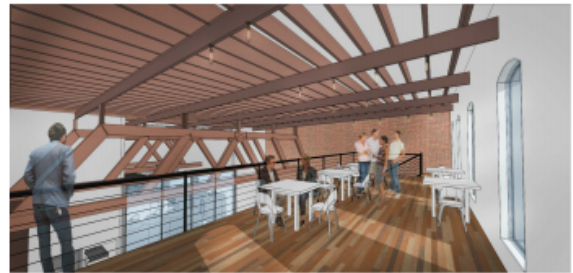
Included in the 90th Anniversary Celebration was a special serenade by the collegiate Fraters for TKE Sweethearts past and present.

Click on the following link to listen to **“The Sweetheart of TKE”** sung by **The Letterman**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5ibNP3wptI>





EXTERIOR PERSPECTIVE



2ND FLOOR PERSPECTIVE



1ST FLOOR PERSPECTIVE

ALBION MALLEABLE BREWING COMPANY

420 S. SUPERIOR STREET
ALBION, MICHIGAN 49234
DATE: 11-21-2016



Construction is now underway for the Marriott Hotel (opposite Cascarelli's and across from the Bohm Theatre) on the newly paved Superior Street in downtown Albion.

Significant improvements and positive changes are taking shape along the Superior Street business district in downtown Albion. The **Albion Malleable Brewing Company** is now under construction across from the Public Library, with a completion date planned for late 2018. The 74-room **Marriott Hotel** is also scheduled to open 2018. In addition, a massive brick pavement project is now being completed along Superior Street.

