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SAVE THE DATE: TKE, Omega Chapter to Celebrate 90 Years of Brotherhood



TKE, Omega Chapter 90th Anniversary Celebration

Event Details:

Fraternal, family, and friends are cordially invited to attend Tau Kappa Epsilon, Omega Chapter's 90th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Attire: Coat and Tie

Members-only Ritual:

4:00 p.m.

Cocktail Hour:

5:00 — 6:00 p.m.

Banquet:

6:00 — 10:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P.

Online by February 10, 2017 at

www.memberplanet.com/events/tke-omega-alumni/90th

\$60 per person

Includes pre-dinner cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner and dessert

Location: Weber's Inn

3050 Jackson Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan • (734) 769-2500

Overnight accommodations available at a block rate and may be reserved by contacting Weber's Inn at

(800) 443-3050 or webersinn.com/reservations, group code TKA022517



Tau Kappa Epsilon, Omega Chapter Installation Banquet, January 1, 1927

Annual Homecoming Open House and Class Reunions Enjoyed by TKE Alumni

The annual Homecoming Open House held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 was once again a huge success. Many Teke alumni and friends of the fraternity stopped by for great food (compliments of the amazing house cook, Dawn Morgan), socializing and sharing of great memories. As TKE marked the 50th anniversary of the construction of the current Omega Chapter house, the collegiate Fraters were especially proud to unveil the newly furnished first floor living room to all Homecoming guests. New sofas and easy chairs arrived just in time for the open house event, and now add a new and improved look for the main floor of the house.



*Homecoming brought back several Tekes from the 1980's including Fraters **Jim Anderson '83** (left), **Bill Harness '83** and Venerable Past Prytanis **Mike Haines '85**. Special thanks to Frater **John McManus '86** for organizing a very successful Class of 1986 reunion.*



Visiting TKE alumni at Homecoming 2016 included:

John Huber '68
Jim Gaus '81
Mike Martin '82
Jim Anderson '83
Bill Harness '83
Bill Pope '83
Michael Haines '85
Dave Komasara '85
John McManus '86
Craig Olsen '86
Roc Roney '86
John Ahee '86
Rich Linebaugh '86
Sean McKenna '91
David Towne '97
Nate Love '13
Jakob Hunter '15
Patrick Zimmer '15
Mark Cardy '16
Alex Hicks '16
Spencer Gust '16



Save The Date: Homecoming 2017

Mark your calendars for Albion College Homecoming, **Saturday, October 21, 2017**. Visit www.albion.edu.com for information and class reunion details.

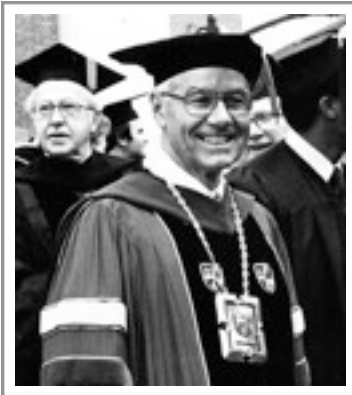


Call for Entries: Omega Chapter Alumni Awards

As we prepare to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Omega Chapter in 2017, the Board of Advisors and Alumni Association are seeking to honor our outstanding Omega Teke alumni in a meaningful and personal way. The **Bernard T. Lomas Distinguished Alumni Award** and **Zetaethian Young Alumni Awards** offer opportunities for the entire Omega TKE nation to reflect on the difference our initiates make in their communities and throughout the world.

Nomination Process and Deadline for Entries:

- All qualified nominations of fraters affiliated with Omega Chapter will be considered.
- The Scholarship and Awards Committee of the Board of Advisors will select the recipients.
- Submissions are **due no later than Febraury 1, 2017**.
- Awards will be presented at the 90th Anniversary Celebration on February 25, 2017.
- All nominations must be submitted online at:
www.memberplanet.com/s/tke-omega-alumni/nomination2017



Bernard T. Lomas Distinguished Alumnus Award:

Established in 2013 in honor of **Frater Lomas '46, Ω 287**, the 12th president of Albion College, this award was created 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.

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.



Zetaethian Young Alumni Award:

New for 2017, this award is a tribute to the spirit of Zetaethian, the local literary society and fraternity founded in 1903, that was destined to become the Omega Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. It honors Omega fraters for significant achievements and/or service to the College, their profession or the community in the first ten years after graduation.

Zetaethians were and are trailblazers and seekers after truth. Their examples will inspire current and future fraters as models of principled leadership and wholehearted commitment to the service of others. Graduates from December 2006 and after are eligible for consideration.



Detroit Free Press Internship Brings First- Hand Media Experience for Frater Jacob Lyday '17

My internship this summer with the Detroit Free Press was the most worthwhile professional experience I have had to date. I received this opportunity through the Ford Institute at Albion College (co-helmed by Omega TKE Alumnus **Frater Eddie Visco '04**). My duties during the six weeks I spent with the Editorial Board staff were varied. I fact-checked and proofread letters to the editor. I researched several topics, including lobbying, and legislation surrounding the “Sharing Economy”, and proceeded to write articles about them, including quotes from an interview that I held with a state representative. Lastly, I performed exhaustive background checks on the Detroit School Board candidates, as well as regional county candidates and important state House races. This process included scouring databases of legal records and even visiting the 36th district courthouse to pull records. I received the opportunity to shadow reporter and author, John Gallagher, to Detroit Downtown Development Authority meetings, and the groundbreaking of a new business school downtown. I attended and covered the Donald Trump speech at a Detroit Economic Club meeting.

My supervisors at the Free Press were incredibly supportive and were constantly giving me important tips and advice about journalism. I plan to attend law school, not journalism school, but I still think the things I was doing, the yeoman’s work of journalism, are skills that will benefit me in any line of work, especially law. Performing background checks allowed me to have a greater depth and breadth of knowledge about how legal paperwork and filing works. The work taught me the real importance that journalism can have in our society, especially within local democracy. Very few voters will extensively research the candidates for positions like the school board, so our work uncovering their pasts is a helpful public service.



Frater Lyday spent many hours in the News Room while interning last summer at the Detroit Free Press

I learned during this time that being a responsible journalist is like being a brother of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Our values of Love, Charity, and Esteem are the perfect guiding principles for honest and ethical reporting. Love needs to be behind the intention of reporting. Approaching the story in a way that does not seek to demean or unnecessarily slander others is the core of love in journalism. Charity means always fact checking, self-reflecting to eliminate internal bias, and getting both sides of the story. Esteem means respecting colleagues with differing points of view, and not being afraid to recognize that even bad people might deserve to be painted in a good light, but only if they truly deserve it.

Additionally, I learned a great deal about how the American public consumes media. This might have been the most disheartening thing I learned during my time as an intern with the Free Press. No matter what you write, there will always be someone willing to speak against you. Apparently some of these people could not even grasp what an opinion piece was, claiming bias and irresponsible journalism on some of the Editorial Board’s work. All in all, my time with the Detroit Free Press for the Joe Stroud Internship in Public Policy and Journalism will have a long term positive impact on me in my professional life, as well as how I go about consuming information in everyday life.



The Gaus Report

Dear Fraters of TKE Omega Chapter,

I am blessed to say that I have been a member of Omega Chapter's Board of Advisors for 26 (soon to be 27) years. Wow! It's a commitment second only to the years I've been married!

This past year for Omega Chapter has been interesting. We have officers in the chapter that expect us to help them as much as we expect them to meet their goals. Their passion "to do what's right" helps drive us as members of the Board of Advisors to be better men as well. They are leaders among the TKE Nation and I am very proud to be associated with them.

This current academic year holds promise with some changes already in place with more to follow. One example of what's taken place is the purchase of new front/living room furniture that arrived just in time for Homecoming. As for what's to follow, I am very excited about our beloved chapter's 90th Anniversary Founders Day Banquet in Ann Arbor in February, and the planning for future chapter house and grounds renovations and improvements.

As always, I include in my short report a word of "Thanks" to my support system, otherwise known as the dedicated members of the Board of Advisors. They are leaders all and testimony to the impact their time at Omega Chapter made upon them. Without them I would not have enjoyed the last several years of my participation on the Board of Advisors. I may be the Chair of the board, but because of their leadership and strength, I consider myself merely a facilitator.

Yours in the bond...forever.

I love this fraternity!

Frater Jim Gaus '81

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Chair, Omega Chapter Board of Advisors

Life Loyal Teke

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

TKE/Ω: Better Men for a Better World



In Remembrance

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

Frater Paul Ogg '96 on July 6, 2016

Frater Courtney Brown '07 on July 10, 2016



For a memorial gathering held on the Albion campus for Frater Paul Ogg on October 1, 2016, The Rock was painted with special messages by family, friends, classmates and TKE brothers.



PRYTANIS REPORT

After looking back at the last year of being Prytanis and the successes and challenges the office presented, I am more than happy to pass the gavel on to the next **Prytanis, Frater Andrew Alltop '18, Ω1801**, as I know he will continue to help the chapter grow. The demands faced came with highs and lows just as everything else in life, but I felt I accomplished some important improvements in my short tenure.

One accomplishment of the fraternity was setting a new climate in regards to philanthropy. Through constant communication with other houses, we successfully donated to every other sorority and fraternities' philanthropy, which has given us a greater appreciation on campus. However, what I am most proud of is our progress on this year's St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Run/Walk in Ann Arbor. With the help of alumni and collegiate members we raised \$5,122, far surpassing our yearly goal of \$2,348. We still have a whole semester to raise even more money for those in need.

In my time, we have also seen a breath of new life in the house. With the help of the Board of Advisors and Albion College we have new carpet on the first floor, as well as a whole new set of furniture. With these new features, you can feel a new sense of excitement in the house.

It has been amazing to see what the Albion College TKE house has become in just one short year and it was so fulfilling to lead the men of the Omega chapter to a higher level of success. The brotherhood and what it can accomplish is as strong as ever. It was an honor to serve as Omega Chapter's President and I look forward to the future of our beloved TKE chapter.

Yours in the bond,

Maximilian Tech '17, Ω1797



Top Photo: Prytanis Tech (front, left) and other Omega Fraters enjoyed the unseasonably warm autumn weather in front of the house. **Bottom Photo:** New sofas and chairs were purchased for the living room in time for Homecoming.

