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## *Reunion Brings Back Musical Memories for “Brothers Three” of ‘62*



*At Homecoming 2017, the Tekes of 1962 held their 55th Class Reunion at Schuler's in Marshall. The evening included a special performance by “Brothers Three”. The following letter from **Frater Chris Allan ‘62** tells the story of the musical bond between three Omega Fraters. Pictured above with Frater Allan (left) are **Fraters Nelson Warner and Robert Murray**.*

### **Dear Fraters of Omega Chapter,**

Prior to our Homecoming Reunion last October, we had not played together in 55 years, but the music came back, and the attendees got to hear vintage songs, sung by vintage voices with vintage instruments.

In 1962, we played Kingston Trio, Brothers Four, and Ritchie Valens type songs for a little pocket change when at Albion. Since we were all Tekes, I guess we were the “Brothers Three”.

One time we didn't get any pocket change, but since this was for an elderly ladies group we each received a handmade hanky. It was a three hanky performance!

We had an agent, and he arranged for some 8 x 10 glossy photos to be taken of the trio (*photo above*).

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## Teke "Serenade of 1960" Recordings Preserved on CD



### Dear Fraters of Omega Chapter,

Fifty-seven years ago, Omega Tekes made a 33 1/3 RPM recording which we distributed to our members and their dates at the Red Carnation Ball. The record was entitled *Serenade 1960*. Frater Richard Calkins was instrumental in this enterprise. He was Prytanis and served as the chapter choral director.

The recording had two sides: Side One features the TKE Chorus, which had all the songs professionally recorded in Goodrich Chapel. Side Two features the TKE Quartet, with Frater Calkins being one of the four members.

In October 2012, twenty TKE alums from the Class of 1962 held a Homecoming reunion during the 50th anniversary of our graduation from Albion College. In preparation for this celebration, I had CDs made of the original recording which I distributed to the 21 Fraters present at the reunion banquet held at Schuler's in Marshall.

Several months ago, **Frater Jim Brown '62**, one of my fellow pledge brothers who organized the 2012 gathering, sent out a call for a gathering of our pledge class in this the 55th anniversary of our graduation. Nineteen pledge brothers responded.

We and our wives and significant others met at Schuler's again at Homecoming 2017.

I noticed that the Fraters sang "*The Sweetheart of TKE*" at the 90th anniversary celebration last February -- and featured a link to the version sung by The Four Freshmen in the Spring issue of *The Omega Omen*. I've heard their rendition, but believe me, the version that we recorded back in 1960 surpasses in quality. See for yourselves!

I am presenting the chapter house with a copy of the CD that I made five years ago. Please take good care of it, but use it for TKE functions.

Yours in the bond,

**Frater Kenneth E. "Ken" Peters '62, PhD.**  
**Omega #670**

## *Seaton & Prout Scholarship Award Recipients Announced*

### Dear Fraters of Omega Chapter,

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, I want express appreciation to the men that applied to be considered for the **Dr. John L. Seaton Scholarship** and the **William C. Prout, Jr. Scholarship**. Fraters Baguzis, Cook, Hacker, Knight, Kribs, Luke, Mahoney, and Sannes are all to be commended for taking the time to submit an application.

This year's applicants are to be celebrated for their scholarship, and for their contributions to Tau Kappa Epsilon and the broader community. Thank you for embodying the best of what our fraternity espouses in building better men. Therefore, it is my pleasure to announce that the recipient of the 2017-2018 Dr. John L. Seaton Memorial Scholarship is **Frater Joshua Sannes '19**.

The recipients of the 2017-2018 William C. Prout, Jr. Scholarship are: **Fraters Glenn Knight '19 and Cary Luke '18**.

Congratulations, Fraters Sannes, Knight, and Luke! We are proud of you.

Yours in the bond,

**Frater Jerry Johnson '93**  
**Omega #1383**





## *Homecoming Open House and Class Reunions Extend Omega TKE 90th Anniversary Celebration*



*Alumni Fraters from the Class of 1967 celebrated their 50th class reunion at Homecoming. Among the visiting TKE alums was **Venerable Past Prytanis George Betz '67** (above, second from right) who traveled from Texas.*



*The annual Omega Chapter Homecoming Open House was well-attended by TKE alumni and friends of the fraternity. Visitors young and old enjoyed the display of old yearbooks and photos from the Omega Chapter archives.*

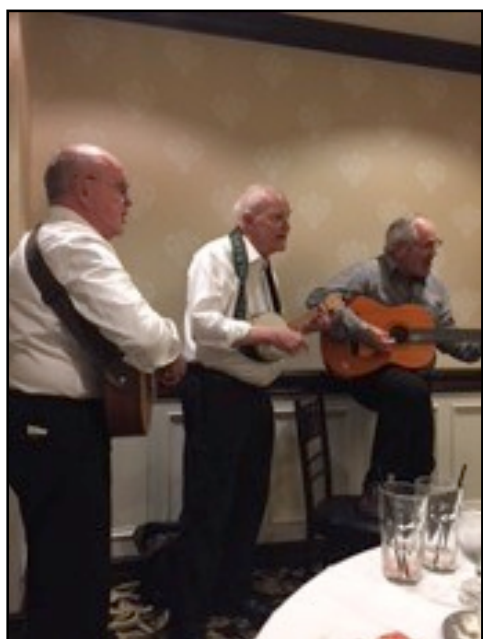


## 90 Years of TKE/Ω: *Better Men for a Better World*



*Tukes from the Class of 1997 celebrated their 20th reunion at Casciarelli's. Pictured above left to right are Fraters Joseph Green, David Towne, Sean Lindsay, Anthony Williams, Larry LaVanway, and Andrew McGown.*

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*Brothers Three performance at their 55th TKE Homecoming reunion, October 2017*

### ***Musical Memories for “Brothers Three” of ‘62***

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We have aged some! You will note that I am playing a different instrument -- a banjo. This past January, I passed out, fell down the cellar steps and broke my neck and three bones in my left hand. I've recovered greatly and agreed to try this performance.

My guitar (6 strings) has disappeared, and I did not think I could play my other guitar which has 12 strings. Fortunately I had bought a 1930 banjo for \$3 when I was 12 years old, and still had it, and it has only 4 strings. I can play this 87-year-old instrument, which now sells for over \$300!

We have been asked to give another encore performance for our 60th TKE reunion, and we all hope to still be around to give it a shot!

**Yours in the bond,  
Frater Chris Allan '62  
Omega #652**



## *Frater Sannes '19 Represents Omega Chapter at TKE Leadership Academy and Annual Conclave*

### **Dear Fraters of Omega Chapter,**

This past summer, I was very fortunate to interact with multiple different Tekes. I had attended TKE Leadership Academy at the beginning of the summer and I finished summer with a trip to conclave with three brothers of the Omega Chapter.

While at **TKE/LA (TKE Leadership Academy)** in Colorado Springs, I learned a lot about myself, as well as many ways to make improvements to our chapter, and the brotherhood that exists within TKE. The overarching leadership of the entire fraternity is very dedicated to help every single frater in the bond and that is something that I find outstanding. I thought there was a disconnect between all the different chapters of the fraternity, but I was incorrect. The many bonds that I was able to create while at TKE/LA helped me realize that this brotherhood really does extend past the Omega Chapter. There is an even larger brotherhood throughout the United States and Canada. Once I had my first few interactions with fellow fraters at TKE/LA, I knew these men were Tekes. They were all brothers of mine that were very open, accepting, and devoted. They all were very interested in making their chapters better. Even top TKE chapter members were there to see what improvements they could make to be an even greater group of men. In addition to the dedication that I had seen firsthand, the men were also truly my brothers. There was a lot of difficult conversations that we all participated in and every single man that was there had been engaged and willing to listen no matter the conversation. While creating these great bonds with many brothers from across the US and Canada, I had become even more grateful for the bond I had joined once I signed that scroll.

TKE/LA was a great experience that I will never forget, but I was fortunate enough to have two great TKE experiences this summer. Near the end of summer **Fraters Glenn Knight, Quinten Mahoney, Zach Brueck**, and I had made the trip to New Orleans for **Conclave**.

Conclave was a great experience for every one of us. We had met so many different Tekes and we learned many ways to help improve the culture of our fraternity. We had a great time making the journey to New Orleans together and experiencing what it means to be a true TKE from multiple speakers at Conclave. It is astonishing to see the number of men that have been molded by their experiences as Tekes. Being able to participate in the initiation of multiple fraters on such a large scale was an amazing experience, but it also made me realize something very important. No matter the chapter that you come from, wherever that chapter is located, you are not just a TKE of that chapter, you are a part of a much larger brotherhood. Every single man at that initiation from across the US and Canada is and always will be your brother and that was very apparent at the ritual.

I appreciate every one of my TKE brothers and the Omega Chapter will always have a very special place in my heart with the way it has molded me into a better man. TKE has done this to many men from multiple different locations and it is so powerful to think that our fraternity has been able to have such a large impact on so many lives.

I appreciate the great bonds I was able to create over this past summer and the stronger bonds I was able to establish with my brothers of the Omega Chapter at Conclave.

**Yours in the Bond,  
Joshua Sannes '19  
Omega #1823**

*Conclave is the biennial convention of TKE. All chapters are required to send at least one delegate. This summer, Omega sent a team of 4 men, including Frater Sannes, to Conclave in New Orleans. More information on the 2017 Conclave at: <http://www.tke.org/programs/conclave>*

*Frater Sannes was also the twelfth Omega Teke to attend the Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. TKE Leadership Academy since it was established in 1990. It is the Fraternity's premier educational program and is supported by donations to the TKE Educational Foundation. More information at: <https://www.tke.org/programs/leadership-academy>*



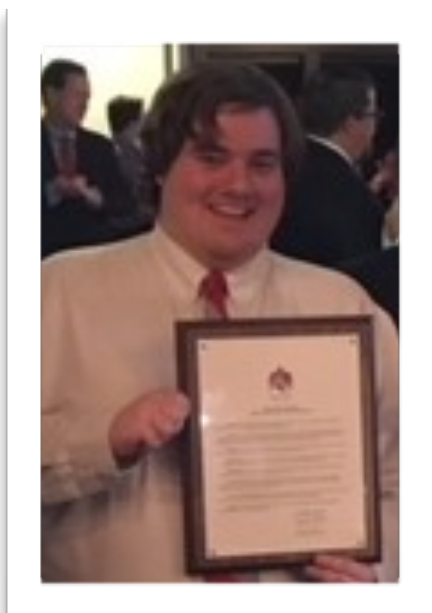


## ***New Chapter Officers For 2018***

**Prytanis** - Till Cook '18  
**Epiprytanis** - Trevor Hill '20  
**Grammateus** - Phil Meyer '19  
**Hypophetes** - Jared Karsama '19  
**Crysophylos** - Alex Miller '18  
**Histor** - Jack Schocker '20  
**Pylortes** - John Calhoun '19  
**Hegemon** - Glenn Knight '19  
**Rush Captain** - Quinn Mahoney '19  
**Rush Chair** - Noah Horvat '20  
**Service Chair** - Trevor Hill '20  
**House Manager** - Max Rosenberg '19



## **Prytanis Report**



### **Dear Fraters of Omega Chapter,**

As we come to the end of another fall semester and reflect back on our 90th anniversary celebration in the Spring, the Omega Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon has a lot to look forward to. Having said goodbye to our most recent class of seniors, and welcoming a freshman class of almost 600 students as Albion College grows in size again, we've been hard at work as we look to pass on our legacy to new generations.

After a solid year where we finished with two awards from the Offices of the Grand Chapter, one for our philanthropic work with **St. Jude Children's Hospital** and another for alumni engagement, we having been looking to aim even higher this year. We currently sit as the #2 TKE chapter in the nation as the first half of the year comes to a close, and with our new group of incoming officers we are hoping to continue our success.

We've built on the success we've seen in our fundraising efforts last year, having already raised over \$5,500 for St. Jude. We will be looking forward to hearing from all of you at the annual Pig Roast in the coming semester (date TBD). We also greatly enjoyed seeing our Fraters who could make it back for Homecoming this semester.

Wishing warm regards to all our brothers for life

**Yours in the bond,**

**Venerable Past Prytanis/Frater Andrew Alltop '18  
Omega #1801**

