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WELCOME NEW ALUMNI



As a recently-established tradition, our graduates were honored with dinner and an installation into the Nu Chapter Alumni Association at the Pyramid Alehouse in Berkeley last May 7th. Many recent alums as well as Fraters from the 1950s, Alumni Association officers and both Chapter Advisors were present to welcome them. Many happy experiences were shared.

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All this and more!

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I'M JUST SAYIN'

FRATERNITY, OR FRAT?

Roll this off your tongue: *Fraternity Boy*. Sound right to you? Here's another: *Frat Man*. If these terms seem wrong to us, it's because they're oxymorons, just as surely as jumbo shrimp, tight slacks and twelve-ounce pound cake.



Tau Kappa Epsilon is a fraternity. It is not a frat. Our Fraters are men. (Whether an occasional pledge or new initiate may still be 17 is a minor point.) Somewhere in the process of joining a fraternity is a rite of passage to adulthood—one which is far more significant than the mere attainment of years. Boys, on the other hand, migrate to a handful of other houses, most of which we are well aware. Think *Animal House*. (I wonder whether this distinction is ever addressed at meetings of the Interfraternity Council.)

The Greek system occasionally finds itself contemplating some kind of danger of extinction by the University—notwithstanding the fact that I secretly harbor the opinion that were such a thing to happen, it would be met with such violent opposition on several levels that officials would find themselves sorry they ever contemplated such a move. Nevertheless, it is arguably to our advantage that all fraternities rise to the highest possible level of maturity and decorum. It is fraternities such as Tau Kappa Epsilon who are positioned to raise the bar for others to clear—a handful of other houses (frats, if you will), not so much.

But this is not about other houses. This is about TKE and the level of maturity we are postured to maintain. Today we are in a position, perhaps as never before, to keep the bar high—not only in light of our prominence among fraternities in the eyes of The University of California, but our own national administration which, if we were to fall significantly from grace, would not offer us a second chance.

This brings us down to the analogy of the “one bad apple,” to which I alluded in our last issue. It is the responsibility of each undergraduate in Nu Chapter to be a *man*, not a *frat rat*. Alumni who are close to the house socially or geographically also have a responsibility to provide counsel, where needed and appropriate, through our House Corporation Board or our Chapter Advisors—not of an Orwellian nature, but as loving, caring parents, as it were. For this is our Fraternity, too, fully as much as our undergraduates who are our most visible asset.

We're all in this together—this happy task of fostering the growth of men into greater men. But it all starts each semester when rushing is over and we welcome new and significant people into our midst. And if we did it right, these new pledges are men right from the get-go. That's what needs to happen, and that's how it needs to begin.

And what an opportunity we now have to make a remarkable start to a new semester: A 22-man pledge class!

Robin Harris, #385

YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PETER CLOVEN '86



Greetings Fraters! It is Autumn once again and optimism abounds for TKE and Cal Football! Count on a pre-game gathering before each game so you can meet with Fraters current, recent and past. As this issue attests, last year was a busy year for TKE and the Nu Chapter Alumni Association. It was great to have Frater Tony Wayne come home to 2725 Channing Way and spend some time with the guys in the house. To have a Frater of his experience with service, visit with us and reminisce about his days as a TKE causes one to pause and remember how just a short time as a TKE affects our being for the rest of our lives.

Last year, the Alumni Association tried something new with the Welcome Graduates dinner in May and held it at the Pyramid Alehouse in Berkeley. What impressed me significantly was the way in which most recent alumni were the most involved with the event. I watched recent graduates come to the front and share their experiences of the transition from undergraduate, to graduate and now, alumni. The compassion and a desire to assist new fellow Tekes in that transition was inspiring. They conveyed to the new alums what has been stated since graduates first received their bid

to pledge the house ... TKE is a fraternity for life. The Alumni Association is discussing beginning a professional mentor program for new graduates. While still in the formative stages, we will be looking forward making this program available for new graduates and TKE Alums in May 2016.

Speaking of recent graduates, it has been inspiring to watch and hear of the developing relationships of many TKE graduates since the rechartering of 2004. The house boat trips, Tahoe Trip, gatherings in the City for a night, and traveling together are truly inspiring to see. I have heard so many great stories of Fraters meeting, post-graduation through a Nu Chapter affiliated event, and becoming great friends. I recently had the pleasure of interviewing several Fraters for Nu News. The experience is the same... we all share a special bond no matter which pledge class we were in, or when we lived in the house.

The Nu Alumni Association continues to meet and discuss ways in which we can become an avenue for greater interaction among each and with the house to further deepen the bonds of our fraternity following graduation. If you have any ideas, please contact me. And of course, if you have not had a chance to do so, sign up and become to be a member of Nu Alumni Association. The cost is nominal, and the benefits and memories are indelible.

Yours in the Bond,

Peter K Cloven #858

MESSAGE FROM THE PRYTANIS

Alex Carter - #1194

My name is Alex Carter, fourth year Economics major from Palo Alto. TKE is home for me. I have found this house to be a supportive group of brothers who are willing to help with anything if asked. Moreover, Nu Chapter is fun, does good for the community, and is a vehicle for personal development. There is no place I would rather be.

My purpose here is to update all who may be interested in the state of the house, and to encourage those alumni who want to know how to get involved. This is an exciting time for Nu Chapter. In my first semester as Prytanis, I have seen the house go through significant changes. We picked up a dedicated pledge class last Spring—six Alpha Betas who began immediately putting their energy into improving TKE. My own goals have been to improve what we do well, and fix what we do poorly as a house.

We do well when it comes to brother involvement in the Chapter, scholarship and risk management. Members of the Alpha Alpha class, initiated last Spring, immediately took up positions as chairs, and we had an extremely young officer corps. This, to

me, is a reflection of the effectiveness of our pledge semester in creating future leaders for TKE.

In keeping with our commitment to scholarship, we have continued to outperform both the Cal men's GPA and the IFC average GPA, placing us fifth in IFC. We have been holding weekly study hours, and last April we had our best attended scholarship dinner in years.

Risk management has always been a serious concern. In many ways we are leaders in the community when it comes to staying safe while having fun. We want a sustainable social environment, so we are helping to crack down on excessive drinking. A year ago, IFC passed a ban on hard alcohol at open events, and thanks in part to that ban, alcohol-related medical transports due to Greek system events have plummeted.

Three areas of serious concern when I was elected Prytanis were our philanthropic involvement, our financial management, and our ability to keep alumni involved in the house. TKE has not held its own signature philanthropy event since I joined the house in Fall 2012. Under the enthusiastic leadership of our Philanthropy Chair, Vasan Arul, we

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are planning “The TKEathon” for this Fall., and we have already raised nearly \$3,000 for St. Jude’s with ΔΔΔ by doing Sunday night cookie delivery last Spring.

Our budget is strained because of financial mismanagement in the past. Together with Aakash, our Crysophylos, I am working to build a culture where brothers always pay their dues in a timely fashion and chairs always stay within their budgets. Though it was not easy, we managed to remain within budget for the Spring, and I am optimistic about financial management looking forward.

Another area in which I would like to see improvement is our alumni involvement, and this category is likely the area most relevant to those treading this letter. I have seen alumni events falter

in the past, primarily due to poor planning on our part, resulting in reduced turnout. If we are to solve this problem, it is important that the Active Chapter plan events well in advance, and invent alumni events that would interest both the undergraduates and the alumni. Suggestions for such events are solicited, and alumni are encouraged to contact me or our Histor, Weston Butera.

I have learned and grown in ways I could not have imagined thanks to my time in TKE. My motivation for becoming Prytanis was to give back to this house, which has given me so much. I am excited for the present semester, and with the support of Nu Chapter, alumni, and others, I wish to leave TKE better than I found it.

MEET OUR INITIATES - THE ALPHA BETA CLASS

Initiated May 1, 2015

KEVIN FANGZHOU CHEN I am an international student from Zhejiang Province, China. I’m currently an intended Computer Science major, second semester sophomore. I grew up in China and attended Hangzhou Foreign Languages School for middle school and high school. I am passionate about education, believing it’s critical to our society and everyone within. I want to promote education within computer science. Extracurricularly, I am currently working on a project that helps censored Chinese internet users to break through the Great Fire Wall and enjoy internet freedom. I am also a soccer enthusiast, a huge Chelsea fan.

MATT LEINWAND I’m a freshman from Los Angeles, raised in Michigan. I’m a Pre-Business major, with a second major in Conservation and Resource Studies. I’m interested in sustainability and sustainable business, and I’m also Treasurer of the Environmental Consulting Group at Berkeley. In my free time I like to play guitar and write music. My favorite thing to do is scuba diving, and when I’m back home in Michigan I like to throw bonfires with my friends.

ALEX HO I’m currently a sophomore at U.C. Berkeley studying Economics. I was born in Philadelphia, but moved to Salt Lake City when I was eleven. Being from Salt Lake, I’ve been snowboarding since I was twelve, and I’m a pretty outdoorsy guy. I’m also involved in the ASUC Superb Games Department and Cal Taekwondo. I’ve been a part of Ethical Apparel (student-run business that designs and sells shirts), Finance and Entrepreneurship Club and The Bay Area Urban Debate League. I listen to a lot of rap and watch a lot of basketball (Miami Heat fan).

LUKE LEVIS I’m a second-year student, originally from Keizer, Oregon. I am majoring in Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, and plan on working in software engineering this summer.. In my free time I like to build web apps and other hacks I see fit to code up. Aside from that I am active in the Table Tennis Club on campus, and plan on participating in intramural baseball, as well.

HANSMEET SINGH I’m from scenic Mountain View, California, a freshman intended Computer Science major with interests in computational and biological research. I’m finishing CS prerequisites and taking a Genetics course, as well; so if I’m able to juggle those priorities with pledging, well then I might just be legendary at time management. Aside from academics, one of my avid interests is music, ranging from reggae, to classical to electronic, and although I have not composed or produced any of my own work as yet, I plan to experiment with production percussion this summer, along with research at Stanford and going to an insane number of concerts.

COLIN SCHOEN I am a first year intended Computer Science major. I enjoy playing soccer and tennis in my free time and have a passion for programming and aviation. I co-facilitate an aviation DECAL. I am also a team member on a widely-used open-source forum project called Simple Machines where I manage the third-party modification platform with five other team members. I am excited about furthering my bond with the Teke brothers and truly embracing the values of TKE in daily life. I look forward to this new chapter in my life, and bringing a lot to the TKE house and Greek community in daily life.

FALL '15 PLEDGE CLASS

In a carefully planned and selective rush, the undergraduate chapter pulled in twenty-two quality men to comprise the Alpha Gamma Class as the current semester began—one of the largest pledge classes in Nu Chapter history. The Rush Chairs devoted

a great deal of time and effort to generate such a successful rush. The class includes men from diverse backgrounds, ages and areas of study. This augurs well for the future of the chapter.

THE NEW ORLEANS CONCLAVE

A NU UNDERGRADUATE REACTS TO A SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE

Frater David Lester '17 sends a message of importance to undergraduates and Alumni alike. He and Frater Drake Myers '16 attended the Conclave in New Orleans, and David has much to say. His comments about rush, which are well worth noting, appear here too late for the Fall 2015 rush but are timeless in their significance.

As some of you may know, Drake and I went to conclave in New Orleans this past weekend. While it was a raucous time and many joyful memories were birthed, I learned a lot about the direction we should be taking as a chapter.

The number one thing I noticed when I went there was the passion and pride. I'm pretty sure half the undergrads I saw there had some TKE thing tattooed on them. Now I am by no means saying we all need to get tattoos, but we do need to carry ourselves with more pride for the organization we all joined. This means wearing letters, talking about TKE as though it's something we care deeply about, and most importantly, taking responsibility for something in the house.

When you take up a chair position or put on something for the Chapter, you will immediately feel like a bigger part of the house and have a sense of passion to improve what we have. Ask anyone who is in a position of authority and was a chair who actually did his job. If you put forth work in behalf of the house, I promise it will make the TKE experience much better for you. You put in all the work pledging, why stop caring? Now I understand people at most of these other schools have literally nothing else going on so they dedicate their lives to TKE and only TKE. I don't expect that; we're Berkeley students. But what we need is to have some passion for the major organization we joined. If you didn't attend events or meetings last semester, put TKE a little higher on your priority

list and you will enjoy the experience so much more.

The second thing I learned is that we need to change our connection to Nationals and alumni. If a chapter in the middle of nowhere with a house that can only hold eight people can get a regular crew of 300 alumni to routinely come by and show their support, then we should be able to do the same. All too often we forget that we are part of a national association of 270,000-plus Tekes who will literally give you a job just because you are a Teke. I had countless people come to me with a card offering to help me get a job if I were ever in their area of the nation. Nationals and alumni both want to help, but it's up to us to reach out. Hell, we could call Buckwheat (look him up, he's hilarious) and have him come to our chapter. There are people in National whose job is to help chapters like us who need a strong rush and I'm sure alumni would be willing to give their two cents, literally and figuratively.

And finally I learned was that our rush is ten thousand times better sounding and planned than any other TKE chapter I talked to. We have the foundation to be a top chapter; we just need to show up to this rush with passion and in numbers. I don't think we will have any problems at all if we get every brother coming to rush to show they are proud that they signed the scroll to be a member of TKE. Good rush leads to people being excited about the pledges which will lead to us being a flourishing chapter once again. Lead by example, show everyone in the house you care about this rush and it can be as contagious as the apathy that once plagued us.

I also did some networking with some Tekes and got some names and numbers of other chapter alumni in our area who want to help out, and regional directors who can help, as well.

Changing the culture of our house will take some work but we have a better foundation than most TKE chapters in the nation, so make ourselves and our freshmen Better Men for a Better World.

TKE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Thanks to the continued support of alumni donations, for the seventh year in a row, the Housing Corporation was able to award multiple scholarships to Nu Chapter Fraters. The Housing Corporation scholarships are highly competitive and Fraters must show a dedicated history of service to the Chapter, a strong GPA, and philanthropic activities. Both Matt Cook and Jackson Allison were each awarded \$3,000 for the Tom Morgan Scholarship, and five fraters were each awarded \$3,000 from the Southern California Scholarship: Vincent Budrovich, Shayne Sossoman, Sam Johnson, Andrew Grant, and Jon Kalfayan.

In addition to the scholarships offered at the Chapter Level, Nu Chapter saw many fraters recognized at the international level. Fraters applying for awards from the TKE Educational Foundation (TEF) must compete with others from across the United States and Canada, and selection is highly competitive.

Award of a TEF scholarship recognizes outstanding leadership, the highest academic achievement, and evidence of service to the Fraternity chapter, campus community, and beyond.

Continuing a tradition of excellence, for the fifth year in a row Nu Chapter Fraters have represented over ten percent of the scholarship winners from TKE Educational Foundation. Nu Chapter, which makes up less than one percent of eligible applicants, can be extremely proud of this accomplishment; it is representative of the caliber of fraters at Nu Chapter. This year's national scholarship winners are:

Nikhil Narayen, W. Allan Herzog Scholarship
Ryan Au, John B. Phillips Scholarship
Alex Carter, Michael Cerussi Leadership Scholarship
Alex McClean, Sophus C Goth Memorial Scholarship

YOUNG ALUMNI TAHOE REUNION

RECENT ALUMS TAKE TO TAHOE

by Anthony J. Wright '10

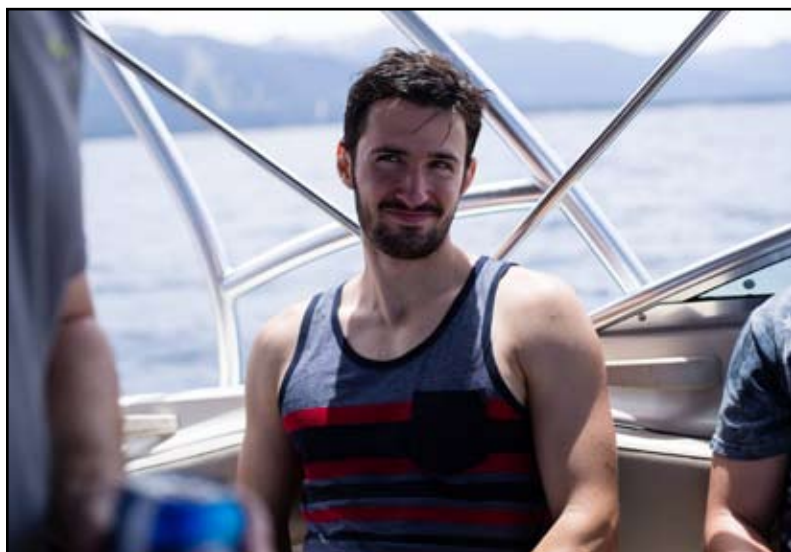
Photos by David Herschorn '12

For the third consecutive year, recent alumni gathered for their annual Young Alumni Weekend, but this time the event was not held on a houseboat. Instead, everyone enjoyed a lakeside villa at Lake Tahoe. Organized by Fraters Anthony Wright, James Stuekerjuergen, Eric Tye and Adam Furman, the weekend was an unqualified success. Once again, the group grew exponentially, bringing 27 Tekes together in the 5,000 sq. ft., nine bedroom house.

All food and entertainment, from lunch on Friday through breakfast on Sunday was provided, and the menu was delectable, with chicken, ribs, steaks, fresh fruit, bacon and eggs and a range of other mouthwatering options available throughout the three-day affair.

Fraters spent time catching up, enjoying the fully loaded game room, taking turns playing ping-pong, foosball and billiards. Only a short walk from the beach, Fraters took to the shore to play pick-up football, frisbee and enjoy some time in the water.

The annual tradition will continue next year, this time on July 29-31, with hopes of attracting an even larger crowd of Tekes. Fraters with any ideas, or who would like to help with next year's event are invited to contact Anthony Wright at awright@tkenu.com.



Above: Austin Bourdier on the ski boat

Above Right: Ryc Oca and Ross Meyer

Right: Henry Hercock gives us a thumbs up





Above Left: Henry Hercock, Ross Meyer, Benjamin Gregori, Camden Andrews, Barrett Glasauer, and Caleb Henderson on the beach just a short walk from the house

Above Right: Ross Meyer and Kyle Meshna get ready for the ride of a lifetime

Center Left: Ben DeShetler and Ross Meyer get some sun on the ski boat

Center Right: Guys and mountains. Awesome scenery surrounded us

Left: The group

A VISIT FROM THE AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO

Prytanis Alex Carter interviews Earl Anthony Wayne '72

by Alex Carter, Prytanis (#1194)

He didn't arrive in a limousine, accompanied by an entourage of Secret Service agents. That's the stuff of filmdom. No, Ambassador Wayne (Tony to us) walked from the Bancroft Hotel to the Teke house, just like any ordinary person, to spend an hour with us.

Following a tour to the third floor to visit his old room, we gathered in the living room where Prytanis Carter conducted a well-planned interview. The mood was laid back, the Ambassador was relaxed and outgoing. He is, after all, a Teke.



First of all, how did you end up at Cal?

There are two things that helped me come (to Cal). One, it was only \$25 dollars a quarter, and two, I got an alumni scholarship for \$250 dollars a year, which thus meant I could pay for all my books. I said, "good school? I can afford to go there? Here I go." My family didn't have a lot of money at the time.

What was Cal like in the late 60's, early 70's?

Well, the first year I was here, we had strikes each quarter for different causes and it would shut the school down for at least a couple weeks. And Ronald Reagan had become governor, and he didn't like what was going on on campus so he sent the national guard in. And the national guard would use tear gas on the demonstrators but it would spread all over campus. Even if you were in classes or doing other things, you would have to leave class because the tear gas would waft in through the windows.

It was a very vibrant place, a lot of energy, a lot of people questioning everything, and just encouraging everybody to think about the world, about their lives, about what made sense for public ethics. It was pretty exciting. For a lot of us, it was completely astounding new to be in this environment.

What encouraged you to rush a fraternity, what led you toward fraternity life, and why, from there, did you choose TKE?

First, I knew a lot of people lived in apartments, and that seemed pretty isolating to me. I liked the idea of living with a

group of other men that you could have camaraderie with and have fun with. So I decided to rush, and went around to a lot of different places, and saw different places, met different people, and I liked it here. I do have to say that at that time, most of the members of TKE had long hair and some sort of facial hair. But they were still a lot of really smart people, and nice, and everybody didn't have long hair, there was a mix. But they were all friendly and they were all open to all kinds of different things. It was a fun and diverse group.

We still did well! We had a B-average and above. And that was pretty good because we did have people who were failing (laughs). We had people who were free-thinkers but who still worked hard and studied.

What were some of your memorable TKE experiences?

Actually, what I remember a lot was the summer (of his presidency) when we were working on recruiting people to come (to TKE). It was really fun, because we organized a whole bunch of different activities. Everything from picnics up in the hills to playing sports up in the parks to some really nice events here in the house. We didn't have that many people, there were only about a dozen of who were still there and we worked really hard and everybody brought different assets.

I remember resanding the floors with Mark Senavski. We had one guy who was a real super "I can do everything" kinda guy and he could!

Do you still keep in touch with some of your pledge brothers?

I don't keep in touch often, because for me, I went to graduate school one year at Stanford and a couple of years at Princeton and then I joined the foreign service. So from 1975 on I was in and out of the United States, and when I was in the States I was living in Washington DC. So that meant it was harder to get back here and keep in touch. It's a bit easier with Facebook, but sadly, not as many people as I would like. For a number of years we did stay in pretty close touch.

In fact, three of my pledge brothers showed up to my wedding reception with vampire teeth, because I used to have a set of vampire teeth that I would wear around. I would wear it to school sometimes. They played it back to me, they came in all dressed up nicely in suits with their mouths shut and then they started laughing, we all saw them and thought it was very funny.

How did your experience in TKE and as Prytanis affect you, and how has it helped you with what you're doing it now?

It helped because it was really my first experience trying to lead an organization. And it's hard! I learned how hard it is to

motivate people and keep them disciplined. You have all kinds of people with different interests and different attention spans and different senses of what's the right thing to do. I really learned a lot from that. It often got me frustrated, but from that I learned a bunch of lessons that I then applied in different places.

Now I have an embassy and missions with over 2,700 people all across Mexico that I oversee. I previously had about 1,000 people that I oversaw in Afghanistan, and before that, several hundred in Washington. But all of those built out of that first experience, learning what it means to get together as a group and to try to get a consensus and to try to motivate and mobilize people.

I also learned that it's not being the Prytanis that makes you a leader. You can be a leader from anywhere in the group if you help find a solution to a problem and help mobilize people to rally around some task.

It was a very valuable experience. For people who don't do these kinds of things, like living and working together, those people have to learn these things anyway at some point in their lives if they want to move up higher. That's what it's all about if you want to run bigger organizations. Everyone doesn't have to do that, there are individual successes too.

How did you first get interested in a career in the foreign service?

Here (at Berkeley). I was a Political Science major, and I started taking courses on different countries in the world. It seemed really interesting to me, both how those countries were different from our own experience and also how countries got along with one another.

Especially because at that time there was all this tumult in the United States, I started getting really interested in countries that had revolutions, and why they had them, and why some revolutions went one way and not the other. At first, when I was here, I can't say I wanted to be a diplomat, but I knew I wanted to learn more and maybe become a professor. I then later decided "no," but that was after a few years of graduate school. I didn't want to be a professor, I wanted to practice and try to live relations between countries. That's when I took the foreign service exam and went into the foreign service.

For anybody who is interested in things international, it's a really neat career because you get to change jobs every two to four years within that career, and visit different countries, or you get to work on different countries or different themes. You can do cultural affairs, you can do counterterrorism, you can work on trade, you can specialize in international organizations, and you can do this in all different parts of the world. If you like that, it gives you a whole smorgasbord of different of fun things to do for a career. You get to help your country and sometimes you get to help other countries find ways forward through different problems that they have.

What's the most challenging issue you've had to deal with as ambassador to Mexico?

Two of our employees and a Mexican marine were driving out to help train Mexican navy officials, and they were pursued and attacked by a group of federal police. They took over 200 shots to their car. Happily it was very well-armored and also one of the Americans in the car was a skilled evasive driver.

For a lot of reasons, managing that incident was hard, because it wasn't just pure criminals but probably corrupt local officials who didn't even know who was in the car. Managing that was hard, but we were successfully able to arrest the individuals, they are in jail. We solved that, and then were able to move beyond it.

We spend millions of dollars each year trying to train federal police and others, so this was sort of a blow to all that we try to do, but we were able to manage it with a lot of good work from both sides.

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There was more. But space won't permit us to continue. The ensuing remarks, and questions and answers were less relevant. The entire visit was an outstanding opportunity for those in attendance.



The Ambassador visits his old room. With him is Tekemate Mark Williams who showed up to welcome him.

THE NU CHAPTER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

A Greater One Ahead, With Significant Changes

Upwards of thirty fraters and a few wives enjoyed the 58th Annual Christmas Luncheon at Hs. Lordships Restaurant on the Berkeley Marina. Begun in the 1970s in San Francisco, the Luncheon has been the most visible and best remembered of all Nu Chapter events. Hosted in numerous restaurants such as Maximo's and Paolo's, and finally at the Olympic Club before moving to Berkeley, the affair was coordinated for many years by Frater Dan Costello. Dan was succeeded by Frater Peter Cloven and the beat goes on.

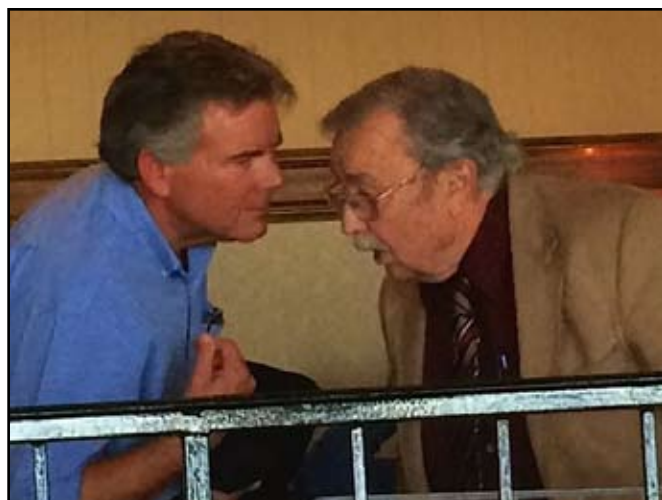
Last year's event was highlighted with a vocal solo by Frater Cloven who sang "O Holy Night," revealing a talent not widely known among Nu Chapter Tekes.

And on Friday, December 11, we will meet again, prompting a suggestion that Fraters place that date on their calendar of events, and do it now. A feature of the day will be the reappearance of the Teke Quartet, with additional entertainment still in the planning stages.

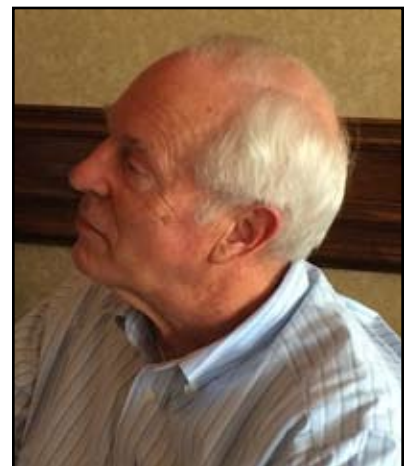
Two significant changes this season: We will meet in the Forge Room. That's the room to the left as you enter the restaurant—the room where we enjoyed Founders Day events for a few years. No more safaris through the jungle, no more obstacle course.

We'll be right next to the bar, and just a few steps farther to the buffet. The other big change: After many years of wives and sweethearts enjoying their own luncheon table, we want them to join us for the entire event—a plan unanimously approved by your Alumni Association Board.

This is a celebration not to be missed, and more details will be forthcoming.



Top Right: Fred Lusk and James Griffin; Middle Center: Mike Wray & Robin Harris; Above Left: Graham Van Lueven & Oleg Khainovski; Above Right: Carl Anderson, John Phillips, Dan Costello, Howard Nemir, Garth Wilson



Top Left: When Chip Wray speaks... Top Right: ...the masses listen; Middle Left: Will Deady; Center: Peter Winkler; Middle Right: Peter Cloven renders "O Holy Night"; Above Left: Garth Wilson; Above Center: Alex Mok, Jake Perez, & Varoon Modak; Above Right: John Phillips

FALL '53 PLEDGES HOLD REUNION

Frater Cliff Ceridono said, “I want to see my pledge brothers,” and that’s all it took to spur Howard Nemir into action. Phoning and e-mailing, it didn’t take much to motivate seven men to say “yes” to a luncheon February 27 at Postino Restaurant in Lafayette. Then through Frater Nemir’s sleuthing, he uncovered two more men we hadn’t seen for almost 60 years. Subsequently, Cliff sprung for a private room.

Two of the nine men originally confirmed for the celebration were unable to attend due to last-minute contingencies, leaving Fraters Carl Anderson, Roger Venturi, Dick Walther, Fred Schott and Robin Harris to join Cliff Ceridono and Howard Nemir for a memorable afternoon. Fraters Jeff Graves and Dean Weibel sent messages to be read at the event.

Memories of that day are bittersweet. In the brief interim since this remarkable reunion, two of those Fraters, Cliff Ceridono and Fred Schott, left us for Chapter Eternal—a reminder to all of us never to delay an opportunity to get together.

NU RECHARTERING IT’S BEEN TEN YEARS

Fall of 2014 marked ten years since the hallowed halls of 2725 Channing became occupied again by Fraters in the Bond. To celebrate those ten years and many more to come, TKE Nu Alumni Association hosted a Re-Chartering Party / Big Game day on November 22. The rain cleared away just in time for Fraters to gather in the back yard to enjoy BBQ and beverages prior to kick off. While the Big Game was nothing to write home about, that didn’t dampen the spirits of Fraters recent and longtime past who gathered at the house for a chance to share much quality food and beverage. As we gathered, memories poured forth from the Alpha class of the beginning days of re-colonization to move-in day in August 2004, to re-chartering. The floor was yielded many times as Fraters shared stories, roasted each other, and gave homage to CAPA (Ceridono, Anderson, Phillips, Anderson). We all left with big grins and new-found memories to add to our treasure chest of TKE experiences.

ALUMNI SHOWCASE

AN AFTERNOON WITH A COMPETITIVE SWIMMER



JACK FLEMING '58
Peter Cloven interviews a Nu Chapter competitive swimmer and fun guy

I recently had an opportunity to have lunch with Jack near his home in West Portal in the City. It was a beautiful day and a great opportunity to connect with a Frater who I did not know too well. The

more I talked to Jack, the more I realized that he could have been one of any number of brothers that I met while living the house in the 1980s, or who signed the scroll since we have rechartered. As the decades go by, we are all just a great group of guys, TKEs, bound by our common experience at 2725 Channing. But how many Fraters are swimming the butterfly at age 80?

Jack parted with a number of treasured photos, most of which can be found throughout this article, and almost all with one or more girls.

Jack was born in San Francisco, but grew up in Calistoga until he was fourteen. “It was a perfect place to grow. Get on your bicycle, take your peanut butter sandwich and go wherever you want to go ... you have the whole valley.”

At the beginning of ninth grade he moved back to the City to go to Lowell High School. He considered himself very fortunate to go at that time because now there were plenty of new girls in the big city, in contrast to his classmates. In high school he was a competitive butterfly swimmer and played the trombone in the band. Jack used to play trombone in the marching band for the San Francisco Dons (pre-49ers) at Kezar Stadium for \$5.00 a game. He recalls going to Cal for football games once or twice a year through Lowell.



Entering Cal in 1953, Jack tried out for the Cal Band, but he found out quickly the Fraters at TKE were much more fun and his type of people. He recalled rushing other fraternities. TKE had a policy back then during rush week that you could

stay overnight while you rushed. Jack didn't pay much attention to TKEs since he was rushing other fraternities. "But then one Friday night, we went to North Beach with Bob Collins, who was sort of little, and Carl Cordes who was sort of big—actually six foot seven, a big bear of a guy with a happy-go-lucky attitude. At age eighteen and with an ID, we went off to the Barbary Coast. Around 11:00 pm, Collins got into a scuffle with another guy, while Cordes played protector and separated them. After that, I knew TKE was my kind of place and I was sold on TKE from that night on. Jake Mathis from Lowell also joined TKE that Fall."



Jack recalls having a tremendous amount of fun as a pledge. His grades suffered, but his memories are indelible. A member of a twenty-three man pledge class, he recalls being put through it during hell week with special memories including alum-covered hors d'oeuvres (those marshmallows looked pretty good until you popped one in your mouth), burlap sacks, an ice-cube race (details omitted), fire drills in the living room, and finding the golden candlesticks. Jack lived in the house for two semesters. He recalls both were disasters for his GPA, but were some of the most fun times of his life. His favorite memory was playing with the TKE Band.



Jack not only won, but set the record in butterfly for the All-City Swim Meet. With visions of setting the freshmen record in butterfly for the Cal Swim Team, he went out for the Cal Crew Team in the fall, rather than playing water polo and lifting weights, in order to build up his shoulders on preparation for the butterfly. He fell in love with rowing and never went back to swimming. In the Fall of his sophomore year, Jack stroked with the Varsity Crew.

Out of the blue, Jack received a letter from Detroit asking if he'd be interested in training for the Olympics, so he left Cal his sophomore year and moved to Detroit to train. While in Detroit,

training, he went to Wayne State to continue classes, staying at the YMCA for \$25 a week and working for the city of Detroit Rehabilitation Department as house man at the Country Club for ninety cents per hour including meals. "I figured I could eat for free and still train as needed. I worked hard and became a trusted employee, quickly meeting people, and then began working with contractor building duplexes all around Detroit. The contractor loved me and wanted to hire me full time. But I was stubborn and had visions of med school when I would return to Cal."



He trained hard daily for the Olympic Team with thirty older men, mostly military veterans. Seven men were selected for the Olympic Team and alternate. Jack could row both sides of the boat, but just missed out as an alternate. That team went on to win a Gold medal at the Olympics. Afterward, continuing to row with one of the medal winners, Jack and his partner won the national championships in 1956. The following year, he won two national races for the Lake Washington Rowing Club and brought home seven trophies. In the doubles scull, he and his partner won the nationals race by twenty lengths.



He now had a clear shot at the Olympics for 1960. With the Olympics three years away, his partner wanted to start training in August 1957. Jack said he'd rather drink beer and chase girls and that he'd see him in January. While Jack took four months off, his partner got another man to replace him—Jack says he wasn't as good—and the challenge was on. Jack found another partner, new to rowing, and began training to beat his former

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partner. His rookie kept getting better, and within six weeks of nationals they could keep up with them for 1,850 meters, but eventually took second place. His former partner went on to the Olympics and got a bronze. Jack still says that with him, the two of them could have taken home the Gold. In 1968, Jack got a call from Stanford to row for their team. They took second to University of Pennsylvania.

“I had gone back to Cal in the summer of 1956. I was bull-headed about pre-med, but the final blow was biochemistry. I graduated in 1958 with a degree in Physical Education.” He recalls going to Dan Costello’s parties after graduating. Dan lived across the street from Jack’s grandmother in the City and threw the best parties, always including stewardesses, as they were known in those days.



He worked for Burrows Welcome selling pharmaceuticals and landed Marin County as a territory. He met his wife, Dominique, who was working as a VIP hostess for Air France in New York. He transferred to New York City and went to work for a new company. He and Dominique married in 1961 in New York. She was French and they had visions of traveling (at ten percent of the ticket price). They became parents to their first daughter a year later. He moved back to San Francisco and continued selling pharmaceuticals. However, sales quotas, an East Coast boss, and the corporate nature convinced Jack to change careers and go into teaching.



Jack’s first teaching position was at Balboa, a tougher school. After a year, he transferred to Lowell where he had gone to high school. There he taught tennis and driver education. After ten

years at Lowell as tennis coach, he moved onto other high school for ten more years. In his last position as teacher in a fourth and fifth grade classroom, there were nine different languages spoken by the kids in his class. Three of the kids couldn’t speak English. The district didn’t provide much support and Jack decided to retire. He had taught for twenty-seven years..

After graduation, Jack hung out with pledge brother Jake Mathis for a while and went to game days. He remembers seeing fellow Tekes there where he got a chance to reconnect, including Terry McIlraith and many other former housemates. Jack has much respect for the “Big Four” for bringing the house back to its current condition. He remembers how bad it was in the 1980s when his kids were in college, and sends a \$100 annual donation to the house in respect for their efforts.



These days, Jack trades stocks and travels with Dominique. He likes to gamble, formerly craps, but now blackjack, roulette and especially baccarat. Jokingly, a friend asked him what was on his bucket list and Jack responded “I would like to go to 100 countries.” Dominique jumped on that and he has been to 130 countries since. Jack was off to Russia to swim in August 2015, followed by Mexico and Columbia. Jack loves cruises. He laughs that you need to be seventy years old to get on a cruise.

Jack continues to swim competitively in his age group, still the butterfly specialist. In June 2015 he went to swim in the one-mile national competition and finished fourth in his age group. Not bad for a new octogerarian.

As Jack thinks about one piece of advice to give a TKE now at Cal, Jack suggests one word moderation, just as Mark Twain said: “Moderation in all things,” because he recalls only getting into trouble when he had too many irons in the fire.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

We Peruse 32 Years of Nu News

1959

We have a good extracurricular record. Sam Peden '59 is head yell leader. Bob LaLiberte '61 is the Junior IFC President. Eric Lindberg '60 and Bill Donovan '61 are on IFC Committees. On the athletic side, Frank Sally '60 was varsity football, Jerry Mann '60 was varsity basketball, and Steven Slauson '62 and Jerry Miller '62 were crew members. Tom Kilfoil '61 is President of Circle C.

1960

Not many fraternities can match the Teke Mothers' Club. They are not only our staunch supporters, but they are a big help. They have contributed many worthwhile additions to the furnishings and kitchen equipment. Their most recent contribution is a new vacuum cleaner. Mrs. Jeannette Sally of Castro Valley is President of the group.

1962

Tom Morgan '49 was elected President of the Graduate Chapter. Other officers are Griff Marshall Vice-President, Don Shawl '60 Secretary, Alan Nelson '55 Treasurer, and Dan Costello '51 and George Dove '51 Program Co-Chairmen.

1966

Carl Anderson '57 and his wife, Margo, will host a cocktail party for Teke alumni and their mates/dates on May 22.

1969

An alumni work day was held at the chapter house on July 12. Under the leadership of Harry Smith '51, 26 alumni cleaned the chapter house in preparation for the summer rush.

1972

The basic housebill was raised from \$130 to \$135 a month. The house is in the grip of the same inflation that is causing price increases on most items, particularly food. We are cutting costs everywhere we can, but, but we are already walking a thin line on quality as it is. From House Corporation funds we were able to buy a new food freezer, and now we are able to buy meat a side at a time at substantial savings in costs.

1977

Our pledges are still licking their wounds after a 26-0 drubbing at the hands of the actives at the third annual TKE Pledge-Active Football Game. Fueled by four TD passes and a safety caused by a blitzing, hard-driving defense, the actives totally destroyed the hapless pledges. No matter, pledges. You've all been initiated and you're on our side now!

1982

Alan Nelson '55 was appointed by President Reagan as Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization.

1984

Nu Chapter started this semester with 18 outstanding pledges, although two have dropped out due to conflicts in their personal lives. Peter Cloven '86 of Laguna Niguel was elected Pledge Class President. The pledges attempted to kidnap Fraters Dion Mathewson '87 and Steve Schmidt '88. Both were transported to Laguna Beach where Dion managed to escape and was picked up by actives who followed the kidnapers.

1991

Nu Chapter is involved in the Adopt-A-Highway program and has been assigned a two-mile stretch of I-80 from Gilman Street to Ashby Avenue. In addition to the self-gratification associated with this project, there are two rather large signs on the freeway stating that this portion is maintained by TKE.

NEWS OF NU ALUMNI

Many readers tell us this is the section of Nu News that they most look forward to. So it is with pleasure that we present a somewhat expanded section in this issue. We continue to encourage alumni to contribute news and photos for us all to enjoy.

JACK LEHBERG '57, of Escondido, says “Not a lot of news to report. One granddaughter graduated from Ole Miss in May and had a graduation party in California. One granddaughter is starting her sophomore year at UCSD, one grandson accepted at UCI and will be playing baseball for the Anteaters, one grandson accepted at Drexel and will be swimming for the Dragons. One grandson will be a junior in high school, plays violin in the Sarasota Youth Orchestra and swims for the Saint Petersburg Aquatics. Sandy and I are aging—not gracefully! We just returned from two weeks in Florida visiting our daughter and her family.”

From **FOSTER SHANNON '52**, of Alhambra, this news: “Janis and I had a great trip last August: Three weeks in our RAVA in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona—4,200 miles. We saw many friends and family members. It was great. I continue with my work with Green Leaf Press and am working on my eighth book, “Answering Questions That People Ask About Christianity.”

We don't hear from **GARTH WILSON '55** of Los Altos as often as we'd like, but he's certainly made up for it with this: “Maggie and I are still living in the first house we ever bought, albeit with three subsequent major remodels. We raised our two kids here. I co-founded a semiconductor company (PMI) and nursed it to profitability from here. I was in Santa Clara recently and drove over to see the architecturally stunning PMI plant to renew old times. It must have just been demolished; all that was left were a few chunks of concrete on bare dirt. Sad. Well, it was 45 years old, so maybe it was time. Still, it made me feel my age. Since I retired, I've been playing duplicate bridge and made Life Master. And now I'm battling stage IV prostate cancer here, successfully so far.

“Our son, Scott, lives in Chicago with his family and works at United Airlines where he is VP of eCommerce and Merchandising. If you fly United much you may have seen him on one of those pre-flight videos, just before Jeff Smisek. Jeff's the CEO. Scott's first job out of Carnegie-Mellon biz school was with American Airlines in Pricing and Yield

Management, and he's had a soft spot in his heart for airlines ever since. So when United made him a handsome offer for a great job in a city he loves, he couldn't wait to tell his wife, Francine, and accept the offer. Unfortunately, she felt very comfortable in their home and neighborhood in northern Virginia and didn't want to leave, so Scott turned them down. But when Francine told her friends, they said, ‘Are you crazy? Turn down an offer like that?’ So she reversed course, and the rest is history.

“Our daughter, Lindy DeQuattro, lives in Tiburon with her family. She is the first and only woman Visual Effects (VFX) Supervisor at Industrial Light and Magic at Lucas Films in the Presidio. Her credits include Deep Impact, Magnolia, The Perfect Storm, AI Artificial Intelligence, Minority Report, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, Evan Almighty, Rush Hour 3, Iron Man 2, Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol, Pacific Rim and The Great Gatsby, among many others. For the past two years she has been supervising development of a multimedia theater experience for a theme park in Wuhan, China. This involved traveling to Wuhan for a week every month, a grueling trip with major pollution. When the project finished, the client loved the result so much they invited Lindy to come to the grand opening. But she declined; she didn't want to endure even one more of those trips.”



A Wilson family Christmas photo from 2013.

JOHN BELL '56 of Sonoma, checks in with this: “Peggy and I are living in one of “God's Waiting Rooms.” Very nice, but too many old folks! We just celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss—25 for her and 25 for me! Grandchildren Samantha (21) in Boston College, but spending this semester in Geneva, Switzerland; Lauryn (19) off to college, hopefully in the UC system; Cameron (4) and Catlyn (2) getting used to the USA after being hatched in China! I regret not attending more chapter affairs, but if I even get near driving, the CHP puts up a RED ALERT! I'm very proud of what Nu has accomplished, and overcome!”

ROBIN HARRIS '56 of Kelseyville was invited by the Lake County Library System to teach an eight-week Young Writers Workshop for kids in grades six through twelve this summer. His book, *Journeys Out Of Darkness* has yet to find its place on the library shelves, as it is constantly on hold for the next reader. He has also completed two fiction works for teens, one of which is being examined now for publication. After five years off, he began substitute teaching grades K-8 again in August. Granddaughter Mary (32) is now married and living in Oregon. Grandchildren Danielle (29) and Will (25) along with Danielle's husband Carlos are running a tattoo parlor in Anchorage AK and turning out some very outstanding work. Gino (21) and Frankie (19) are still in Lake County.



We received a great message and photo from **PHIL KEEFFE '65**, who says, "Short history: Moved to San Jose in 1964, and got communication degree from San Jose State in 1966. Married and moved to Australia in 1968. Worked in advertising and other communications fields for 50 years, and just retired last December. My wife, Di, and I travel as often

as we can. Now planning a trip to France and Turkey later in the year. Four children and seven grandchildren (so far). Living in Sydney and still enjoying the lifestyle here. Looking forward to a return to Long Beach in 2015 for my 55th high school reunion. Wish I'd spent more time with TKE, but still have many fond memories of my days at Cal. Would be happy to see any fraters visiting in Australia. E-mail: pkeeffe@bigpond.net.au."

And now we hear from **DAVID HERSCHORN '12** telling us, "I have been in San Francisco for two years now, working as a photographer. I've had a lot of fun getting into this industry and have just rented a photo studio in the Mission District. The best part about it is that I'm teaching a photography workshop there, and have fraters Brian Manley and Eric Tye in my class! I'm also excited to go to Burning Man this summer with frater Brett Goldstein."

DAN COSTELLO '50 of Concord can always be counted on for an update, and here is the latest: "I am now into my "super-senior citizenship," having just rolled through my 90th birthday. Physically I am doing okay, and I try to stay

that way by working out at the gym twice a week with my younger brother, Ken. He's only 85! We also play golf on Wednesdays.

"I retired from the Olympic Club as a 50-year member. They were very generous in giving me a free social membership which allows me to use the bar and restaurant facilities whenever I want. When Sharon and I are in the city, we often drop in to the club for lunch. We also enjoy their Thursday night buffet, which is great. The icing on the cake is that we usually run into old friends which is an added pleasure.

"We have two children. Ann-Marie lives in Sacramento, and she and her husband have good jobs in the medical software industry. Our son Casey is a Christian missionary. He has worked in Korea, the Philippines, and is now in Japan. Of course, both Sharon and I are retired. I was a stockbroker and also worked in the medical sales field for Pfizer Drug Company. Sharon worked for Kelly Temporary Services in sales, and as manager of the Oakland office.

"A bit of advice for younger people who might need this: The only friends I have left from my generation are the ones who stayed athletic and didn't smoke, or quit early. The smokers died earliest."

Ed.Note: Frater Costello holds the third-lowest scroll number of all living Nu Chapter Tekes. Only Hawk Hyde and Mylon Nelson are lower. Dan was President of Nu Chapter Alumni Association for almost 40 years, dating from the days when it was known as the San Francisco Graduate Chapter. At age 90, his philosophy has stood him in good stead.

Intrepid traveler and inveterate swimmer **JACK FLEMING '58** of San Francisco just visited Russia where he competed in the World Masters Swimming Championships. October finds him in Nevada for the Senior Games Swim Meet there, and Utah for the Huntsman Senior Games Swim meet. He'll be in Mexico in November and Colombia in December. In between are Las Vegas, Squaw Valley and a number of events closer to home.

Jack just added this update: "I went to the World Masters Swimming Championships in Kazan, Russia. Dominique and I had a terrific time all around, and I won the World Championships for age 80-84 in four events: 50,100,150 Breaststroke and 100 Butterfly. The Russian edged me out in the 50-meter fly." Read more about Jack on page 12. He is the subject of our Frater Profile this issue.

Chapter Eternal

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away. - Anglican Hymn

EDWARD DERMOTT '49 (#234)



In terms of scroll number, Ed was the earliest living Nu Chapter Teke. He passed away last September 29, 2014 at the age of 89. His legacy was immense. Not the least of his contributions to Nu Chapter was that of inadvertently locating a chapter house for us on Channing Way in 1949 and then setting events in motion to snatch it out from under the sorority that was considering its purchase, and losing his fiancée in the process. His own wonderful story about this was chronicled in two previous issues of Nu News. He joined TKE in 1947 after serving in World War II and returning as a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Graduating from Hastings Law School, Ed was a widely known and loved attorney in Santa Rosa where he distinguished himself on many levels. After establishing his own practice, he was then Counsel to Sonoma County Medical Association for 32 years., President of the Sonoma County Bar Association, and was the first Chairman of the Sonoma County Community Hospital, serving for 13 years. His service was comprised of numerous other civic responsibilities, including 29 years as City Attorney of Sebastopol, CA. He was also the first City Attorney of nearby Cotati. Other examples of civic involvement are too numerous to list.

His list of leisure time activities was just as extensive. A horseman, he was a member of Wild Oak Saddle Club just east of Oakmont, and served as their President. He graciously hosted what came to be known as the North Bay Alumni at the Saddle Club for several years. He was an accomplished private aircraft pilot and enjoyed snow skiing and water skiing, and was a doubles tennis player. He loved to travel, and visited almost all 50 states and several foreign countries.

He was married to Bernice (Nicy) Thompson for 37 years until she predeceased him in 2007. He married again, to Gloria Wilson in 2010, and they shared a wonderful four years together. He is also survived by five children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Services were held at Wild Oak Saddle Club.

FRED HERMAN SCHOTT '57 (#376)



They didn't come much more loyal to the Bond than Fred. He was at virtually every Nu Chapter function, driving all the way from his Santa Maria home to attend most events, obviously enjoying himself immensely. He left us on May 13, dying at home from a massive heart attack at 79 years of age. His pledge brothers had just enjoyed his company at a reunion of his pledge class in Lafayette last February 27 where he introduced his new bride, Yvonne. (He had been married previously to Ann, who predeceased him.)

Fred graduated from San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno, where he was a star basketball player. At Cal as a freshman, however, he had such a strong group of talented teammates that he hardly ever got to play. Pledging TKE in the Fall of 1953, he held the same pledge detail for his entire semester: the care of Brutus, Nu Chapter's venerable St. Bernard. At Cal he earned a BS degree in Civil Engineering and an MS in Structural Engineering.

Fred headed his own firm, Fred H. Schott and Associates, with offices in Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo. His business remains open and is run by his associates.

Besides Yvonne, he is survived by eight children and many grandchildren.



Fred Schott and Brutus, 1953

JAMES PAUL MCMULLEN '56 (#373)

Jim will be remembered as one of the most successful rush chairmen in Nu Chapter history. His efforts netted us 21 fine pledges in the Fall of 1955. At Cal, he was an active member of Rally Committee.

Born in San Francisco May 6, 1934, he graduated from Balboa High School. He passed away in Sacramento January 20, 2013 at the age of 78 after a brave battle with cancer. He spent many years in sales management, and for the last ten years of his life he enjoyed his relationships with the Sacramento art community as a self-employed framer of art projects.

He is survived by five children, ten grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

PETER WILLIAM THOMPSON, JR. '54 (#368)

Some called him Bill; more recently, he became Pete. He answered to both. Born in 1933 and raised in Oakland, he was a product of Oakland High School and had been a student at Oregon State for two years when he was called home at the death of his father in order to help his mother with the family business in Emeryville, American Burial Casket Company (ABC). There he functioned in sales, where he distinguished himself. As one Frater put it, "he could have sold a casket to God."

In describing Pete, his Fraters used a variety of adjectives, all of which point the same direction: hearty, happy, fun, smiling, joking, bombastic.

In more recent years, he greatly enjoyed his own small business, resurrecting the initials ABC, in which he sold biodegradable chemicals to automotive machine shops on the west coast for 35 years. He loved traveling to service his accounts and "pressing the flesh," making many friends in the process. Pete enjoyed family vacations, golf, snow skiing and reading.

His health failed him in 2012 when he suffered a stroke from which he never fully recovered, suffering its effects until his passing May 9. He leaves his wife of 23 years, Sylvia, ten grandchildren and a great granddaughter. Since his stroke, Sylvia largely managed the business by telephone.



CLIFFORD ALLAN CERIDONO '58 (#369)

A lot of men love their fraternity. Many love it a lot. Cliff Ceridono loved TKE beyond all comprehension, and he showed it his entire life. And it was not a life half-lived.

Cliff was born in 1935 in Berkeley, and left us the night of August 25, having celebrated his 80th birthday just a few days before. Seldom has a Frater been so deeply mourned, because he was not only a loyal Teke who attended every event, but with the CAPA LLC, he was instrumental in restoring not only the chapter house, but the Fraternity itself in 2003.. Without his expertise and dedication to this goal, it is doubtful there would be a Nu Chapter in place today. Yet he worked quietly behind the scenes, never calling attention to his own significance as a member of that fabulous team.

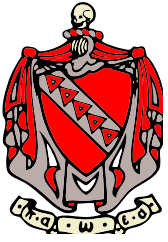
A member of a large pledge class in 1953, initiated in 1954, he never held an office in the house. He didn't need to. Some men lead quietly from within their organization. He graduated from Cal in Engineering and Business Administration, subsequently served as a Captain in the U.S. Army, and ran Ceridono Engineered Heating until his retirement in 2000.

His true passion for architecture and real estate development were realized on the side as he built two homes and redeveloped several commercial properties.

Cliff was a role model for fairness and gentleness, a loving husband, father and grandfather. As a friend, his qualities were unsurpassed. Although he suffered from the ravages of Parkinson's Disease, he remained active and loyal to his family, friends and fraternity.

Cliff is survived by his wife of 46 years, Ingrid, daughter Laura (Nils) Behnke of San Francisco and grandchildren Vincent and Frances; and son Glendon (Laura) of Lafayette and grandchildren Mathias, Elisa and James.





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