



Kappa Sigma Alumni Association of Central Florida



Newsletter -- September 2012

KΣ Brothers. It has been some time since our last KΣ Alumni Association of Central Florida (KΣAACF) newsletter. Some will say newsletters are less useful today with social networking sites, e.g. KΣAACF Facebook Group, and our Google Groups e-mail list_server as primary means to communicate with ΛΕ Chapter alumni brothers and all other KΣ Brothers living in Central Florida. The problem with Facebook and e-mail is that not everyone is on Facebook and e-mail addresses change. Consequently, we are only communicating with about a third of the ΛΕ chapter initiates and a very small number of KΣ Brothers from other chapters. So, newsletters are still useful especially if you like to something that can be printed and read at your leisure.

We are using this issue of the KΣAACF newsletter to primarily announce two important upcoming alumni-undergraduate brother events and to provide an update on the status of your alumni association.

Annual Alumni Homecoming Tailgate, ΛΕ Chapter House at UCF, Saturday November 3, 2012

Again this year, your KΣAACF is sponsoring an alumni homecoming tailgate at the ΛΕ Chapter House on the UCF campus. The tailgate will start about four hours before kickoff of the game with SMU, which is currently scheduled for 7 p.m. that Saturday, Nov. 3.



A small portion of your annual KΣAACF dues (which remain a low \$35/yr) is being used to provide main food items for the tailgate. Master Tailgate Chef, Brother Kris Samples will be preparing the tasty tailgate menu. Just bring a snack item, e.g. cookies, fruit, chips/dip, etc., to compliment what Chef Samples is serving along with some ice-cold, liquid refreshments of course. Note that UCF allows open containers anywhere on campus up until the game kick-off.





Hope to see you and your family on November 3 at the $\Lambda\epsilon$ Chapter House for some brotherhood and fun.

Alumni-Undergraduate Brother "Meet and Greet", $\Lambda\epsilon$ Chapter House at UCF, Thursday November 8, 2012

Many of you are aware of our quarterly K Σ happy hour gatherings, which continue to be very successful events. At the encouragement of the undergraduate brothers, our next gathering will be held at the $\Lambda\epsilon$ Chapter House on the UCF campus on Thursday, Nov. 8.

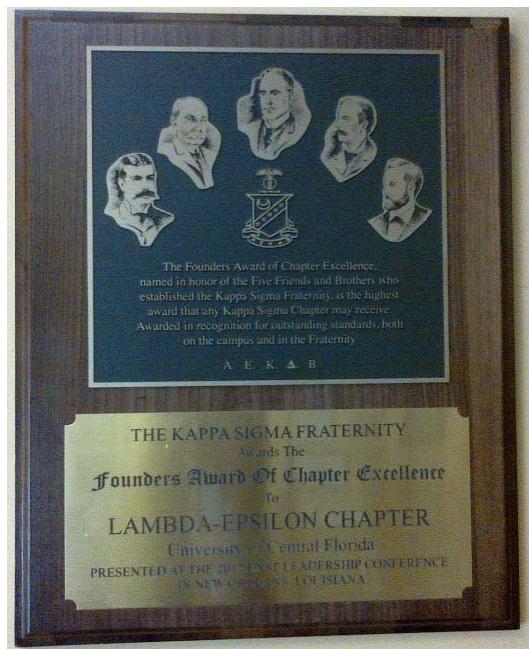


The event will start at 5 p.m. and end around 8 p.m. Charter Brother Jim Van Horn has graciously offered to provide about 150 authentic Wisconsin brats for the grill personally flown in from his summer home in Appleton, WI, with buns, condiments, etc., provided by the your K Σ AACF. Just bring your own ice-cold liquid refreshments (note that the K Σ *Code of Ethics* does not allow the use of chapter or alumni association funds for the purchase of alcoholic beverages). This upcoming gathering offers an excellent opportunity for you to meet and visit with our undergraduate brothers from our $\Lambda\epsilon$ Chapter as well as your

fellow alumni brothers while walking the chapter halls with the decades of composites hanging on the walls. Please mark you calendar and plan on joining us at the $\Lambda\epsilon$ Chapter House on November 8.

Update from the Undergraduate K Σ Brothers of our $\Lambda\epsilon$ Chapter at UCF

It has truly been a very busy school year so far for your $\Lambda\epsilon$ Chapter of K Σ . Again so far this semester we have raised the bar with regards to awards, school involvement, and recruitment. As most of you are aware, our chapter has received the F.A.C.E Award, which places us among the top 28 chapters in the country. The F.A.C.E. Award (Founders Award for Chapter Excellence) is the highest award possible for chapters of the K Σ Fraternity.



Our continuing path towards excellence has made an impact with regards to





recruiting. Rush went very well for us this fall. IFC decided to do away with "Tent Rush" so we were able to rush out of our Chapter House. This was key to our rush plan and landed us an exceptional pledge class. Despite an overall decrease in IFC recruiting numbers, we currently have a pledge class of 35 young men. We came out on top when you compare us to how other organizations fared.

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The BN pledge class was key for the first big philanthropy event of the semester. This year we paired and hosted Zeta Lip Sync with the beautiful ladies of ZTA Sorority. Zeta Lip Sync is an annual talent show of sorts, in which organizations compete through donations, community involvement, and a dance routine restricted to new members. As co-hosts for this event we not only helped with logistics but our new pledge class performed in a spectacular dance with Zeta new members on stage. All proceeds went to breast cancer awareness and education. Between our normal academic schedule, hosting major philanthropy events, and developing new members; we still find time to bond as brothers. Our Brotherhood Events Committee has been hard at work planning outstanding activities for us. Earlier in the semester, the committee set up a shark fishing trip and a fish fry afterwards. Some upcoming

events include a golf outing and casino cruise.



As alumni you have played a large role in our success. With continuing support we will go on to make this chapter bigger, better, and brighter.

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Brother Anthony Ramirez

ΔE Chapter Alumni Relations Chair

Update on your Alumni Association

Your KΣAACF Executive Committee (EC) remains focused on facilitating increased brotherhood opportunities by hosting events, which also helps generate more interest in our fraternity and alumni association. Below are the current objectives for our Association along with updates on our progress.

Objective 1: Hold Alumni Events

1(a) Hold Quarterly KΣ Happy Hour Gatherings - The quarterly KΣ happy hour gatherings have been very successful. Attendance is commonly over 30 including spouses and guests. Recently,





several undergraduate brothers from our ΛE Chapter have been joining us. The next gathering will be at the chapter house on November 8 as discussed earlier in the newsletter. Dates and times of the our quarterly gatherings are posted at <http://www.ksaacf.org> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ksaacf/>

See the discussion below under Objective 2: Increase communications.

1(b) Hold Annual Founders Day Celebrations - Past tradition was for the K Σ AACF to organize an annual dinner celebrating the founding of Kappa Sigma Fraternity (Founders Day) with the undergraduate brothers of our ΛE Chapter organizing a chapter anniversary dinner. We have recently been in discussions with the undergraduate brothers about re-establishing this tradition.

1(c) Hold Annual Chapter Anniversary Celebrations - Beginning in 2009, the K Σ AACF has organized an annual alumni - undergraduate brother golf outing to celebrate the founding of our ΛE Chapter. The 4th annual anniversary golf outing, held this year on April 21, was a highly successful event.



Alumni and undergraduate brothers were teamed together in a scramble (best ball)

format. Watch our announcements at our web site, on Facebook, and via e-mail about next year's golf outing.

The ΛE Chapter's 40th anniversary celebration dinner was re-scheduled to coincide with the chapter (re-chartering) installation banquet on February 26, 2011. Kappa Sigma alumni brothers from different eras participated in the initiation of 28 new brothers and attended the installation banquet later that evening. The initial chartering of our ΛE Chapter on April 30, 1971 was honored as part of the installation banquet ceremonies along with the awarding of a second charter after a highly successful and very short colony period.



The ceremonies also included the presentation of the Kappa Sigma Golden Heart Award by Brother WGM Bill Betz to three of our ΛE Chapter undergraduate brothers, who demonstrated extreme bravery in saving a injured individual's life after an auto accident on their way back from the K Σ Eastern Regional Leadership Conference held in New Orleans in July 2010.

1(d) Hold Annual Homecoming Tailgates at the ΛE Chapter House - Last year your K Σ AACF started a new UCF football tradition, a K Σ Alumni Homecoming





Tailgate at the ΛE Chapter House. The Undergraduate brothers have invited all $K\Sigma$ brothers and their families to set up our tailgate tents on the front lawn of the house prior to the homecoming game. This year the Knights play SMU on Homecoming Saturday, November 3. More information about the upcoming homecoming tailgate is provided on page 1 of this newsletter. Not only does this enable larger numbers of $K\Sigma$ s to tailgate together as a group at least once a year, but it also provides an excellent opportunity for alumni brothers to get to know our undergraduate brothers better and visit the chapter house.



Speaking of gathering at the chapter house prior to UCF home football games, the undergraduate brothers strongly encourage all $K\Sigma$ brothers to drop by the ΛE Chapter House prior to each home sporting event and at any time for that matter. On football game day, you'll find several other alumni brothers walking the halls of the chapter house visiting the undergraduate brothers and their guests while enjoying some cold refreshments. Many of us alumni have made this part of our tailgate activities prior to each home game.

Objective 2: Increase communications

2(a) Send Periodic E-mails and Make Facebook Postings Announcing Upcoming $K\Sigma$ Alumni Events - In addition to our

website (<http://www.ksaacf.org/>), the KSAACF uses a Google Groups e-mail list_serve as a primary means to communicate with $K\Sigma$ brothers from our ΛE Chapter as well as all other brothers living in Central Florida. We send out via e-mail the latest information about future events and developments concerning your alumni association and the fraternity. If you aren't receiving these e-mails, please sign up at <http://www.ksaacf.org/groups.html>.

Facebook has quickly become an even more proactive means for Kappa Sigma brothers to network and share information. Alumni association event announcements as well as job vacancies, updates from the undergraduate brothers, future happenings, and other information are posted almost daily on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ksaacf/>.

To be added to the KSAACF Facebook Group, just friend Brothers Lloyd Woosley or Richard Patch.

Not into Facebook? Just sign up to join our $K\Sigma$ Google Groups e-mail list_serve. There are three levels of membership, but none of us are overwhelmed with e-mails from this service.

2(b) Publish Periodic Newsletters - Our goal is to publish an alumni newsletter at least annually. Your contributions are welcome, so send your announcements and articles to Lloyd Woosley at kappasig@cfl.rr.com.

2(c) Keep the KSAACF Web Site Current - Brother Richard Patch is not only an excellent Treasurer for your





Association but he also is an accomplished webmaster. Richard is keeping your web site current by posting upcoming KΣAACF events on our calendar, posting photos from past events, and providing timely announcements.

2(d) Maintain a Close Working Relationship with the ΛΕ Chapter's Alumni Relations Chair - Your Association EC has and will continue to work closely with the Alumni Relations Chair for our ΛΕ Chapter to plan future events and foster a close relationship between the undergraduate and alumni KΣ brothers.

2(e) Establish a Chapter Historian - As many of you know, Brother Mike Miller has informally served as the ΛΕ Chapter Historian for well over a decade. Well it is time to formalize his role. Not only has Brother Miller accepted this assignment, he also now serves as the Faculty Advisor for the ΛΕ Chapter. Mike will be presenting a short history of the ΛΕ Chapter to the Fall Pledge Class on Sunday, October 7 at 11 a.m. at the Chapter House. All brothers are encouraged to attend. Mike intends to give similar presentations to future pledge classes each fall and winter semesters. We are planning to video record Mike's presentations this spring and posting it on the KΣAACF website to enable all KΣ brothers to view his informative presentation on our chapter's history.

Objective 3: A Greater Cause: Support Charitable Causes

3(a) Establish a "Brothers in Need Fund" - In 2009, your KΣAACF

established the "Brothers in Need Fund" to assist KΣ brothers in need of a helping hand. To date, over \$1,800 has been raised, \$1,000 of which is from Brother Lee Constantine's Charity Challenge. Over \$800 of the funds raised to-date have and are continuing to be used to provide much needed personal care items for Charter Brother Richard "Jeff" Junkins, who suffered a stroke while living in Costa Rica in 2000. Brother Junkins now relies on public assistance for his care at an extended care home in Orlando. The remaining funds are being held in reserve to assist other brothers who may need a helping hand in the future. If you would like to make a donation to KΣAACF "Brothers in Need Fund", please contact Richard Patch at kappasig@cfl.rr.com.

3(b) Support Undergraduate Charitable Causes - Your KΣAACF continues to provide financial support for charitable fund raising efforts by the ΛΕ Chapter. For example, the undergraduate brothers have raised over \$3,000 to-date on behalf of the [Brian Dornbusch Memorial Scholarship Fund](#).



As many of you know, our late ΛΕ Chapter Alumni Advisor, Brother Dornbusch was only 33 years old when he passed away





after developing a blood clot during cancer treatment. He was very involved with KΣ and the ΛΕ Chapter. In memory of Brother Dornbusch, an endowed scholarship was created through the UCF Foundation. Your Association was a Platinum \$500 Sponsor for Brian Dornbusch Memorial 5k Run and Walk held by the ΛΕ Chapter.

3(c) Make it Easy to Make Donations to Charitable Causes Supported by the Association - Making a donation to the "Brothers in Need Fund" or to the Brian Dornbusch Memorial Scholarship Fund just got easier! You can now make a donation on-line at any time using Paypal by going to <http://www.ksaacf.org/dues.html>. You also can set up a recurring payment of \$5 or more per month via Paypal. Part of your monthly payments each year will cover your \$35 annual Association dues with the remaining funds contributed to the charitable cause that you designate.

Objective 4. *Brothers in Action:* Support Brotherhood Development

Your KΣAACF has for over a decade sponsored an undergraduate brother from the ΛΕ Chapter to attend KΣ Conclaves and Leadership Conferences. The alumni association has paid for hotel and registration expenses. On occasion, the Chapter has elected to use the funds for gasoline so that more brothers can attend and participate in the brotherhood development opportunity.

Objective 5. *Champion Quest:* Increase membership

Membership in our Association has held fairly steady peaking most recently during the re-chartering of the ΛΕ Chapter in 2010. The Association needs your support in order to maintain an active alumni chapter status with KΣ and to achieve our Association's objectives. Annual alumni dues remain low, only \$35 a year. There are three methods of payment: (1) mail in a check, (2) charge or pay using e-check via PayPal, or (3) pay Brother Patch directly at one of our quarterly happy hour gatherings or at other events. More information on our dues can be found at <http://www.ksaacf.org/dues.html>.

"Around The World" at Epcot, November 9-10, 2012

Around The World (ATW) was started in October 1999 by a small group of ΛΕ brothers that were working up in Philadelphia. Missing Florida, the "Philly" crew each managed to find new jobs in Sarasota. Brother Alan Rosa suggested they take-in a weekend at Epcot, and while the ten brothers walked "Around The World" they enjoyed cold refreshments as a way of celebrating their return to Florida.





This informal gathering, which is not affiliated with the KΣ Fraternity or the KΣAACF (even though 90% of the attendees are from the ΛΕ Chapter), has become a highly enjoyable tradition. The annual event is scheduled each year to coincide with the Food and Wine Festival at Epcot, and when UCF is not playing a home football game. Participation has consistently grown ranging from the initial 10 to 55 participants in 2011. ATW weekend includes a golf outing on Friday morning and an informal dinner that evening. Friends, family, and brothers that may not be able to participate in Saturday's event at Epcot are invited to join everyone for golf and/or dinner on Friday. This year ATW will begin the day after the alumni-undergraduate brother "Meet and Greet" at the ΛΕ Chapter House on November 8:

Friday, November 9:

9:00 a.m. - Golf outing at TBA
6:30 p.m. - Dinner at TBA

Saturday, November 10:

10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Meet in front of the Epcot geodesic sphere for a group photo and then off to the first country, Mexico.

More information about the annual ATW event is posted on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ATWOrlando/>.

If you have any comments about the KSAACF, its objectives, or planned activities, please contact any of the EC Members at kappasig@cfl.rr.com.

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Please send contributions to the KSAACF annual newsletter and any announcements to Brother Lloyd Woosley at kappasig@cfl.rr.com.

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