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Beta Rho Chapter—Tau Kappa Epsilon

Join Us for the 75th Anniversary Weekend

The chapter and alumni volunteers are working out the final details for our 75th anniversary weekend. It all starts with the Friday, October 6 evening event at the Portage Country Club. Tekes from all eras will gather at the Portage Country Club from 6-9pm.

Join our 75th Anniversary Chairman Stephan Kremer and the rest of the 75th Anniversary Committee as they reunite with fellow fraters and host presentations from TKE International as well as our own Alumni Association.

The TKE Grand Prytanis, Ryan Vescio, and TKE CEO Donnie Aldrich as well as several University of Akron Officials look forward to meeting our alumni.

Hors d'oeuvres and complimentary beer and wine as well as a cash bar will be available.

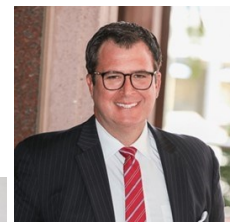


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RSVP and pay online: www.uakron.edu/tke75
\$100/per person or \$175 per couple



Above: Grand
Prytanis Ryan Vescio.
Left: Donnie Aldrich
TKE—CEO

Saturday, October 7th will bring the UA Homecoming game with the Zips taking on Northern Illinois Huskies at 3:30 pm. Complimentary tickets to the game will be available to the first 100 people who contact our Chapter President Dan LaGuardia (djl138@uakron.edu).

Festivities will start at noon until 3pm and will include house tours, billiards, corn hole, food and beverages starting. Join your fellow alumni, meet the current undergraduates and cheer on the Zips for Homecoming. We will walk over to the stadium at 3pm for the game.

The bell will be at the stadium as well. Chapter Epiprytanis-External Mike Green will be coordinating access to the playing field to ring the bell throughout the game.

For more information, contact Stephan Kremer (stephskis7@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you in October!!



Homecoming 2017 A few Fraters
around the bell



The Beta Rho Giving Triangle

Beta Rho has created a legacy of excellence that all fraters can be proud of. Our current scroll is 1727. We were the 64th chapter started in TKE, but we have the 16th highest scroll in TKE. BP has the 2nd most Top Teke awards and at 75 years has the second longest continue existence in all of TKE chapters. We want to thank the 225 fraters who have given to Beta Rho over the past 24 years to help sustain this legacy of excellence. We especially appreciate the 108 fraters below that have given sustained amounts that are the primary reason we continue to have a house for Beta Rho.

Fraters of BP (giving \$500 -\$999):

Alan Baughman 1020, Tom Berger 1246, David Beule 825, Tim Bilbrey1021, Keith Brock 880, Frank Car 1002, Scott Collins 1103, Keith Eriksen 538, Dale Forester 832, Ray Greenwood 632, Joe Hamm 991, Dave Kessler 813, Stephen Kovacs 320, Justin Kyer 1126, Jim Lawrence 1052, Donald McDaniels 409, Chris Page 1056, Eric Rippons 1250, Jeff Salaman 727, Andy Seaman 728, Lee Stacy PE66, Ray Stott 339, Woodrow Thatcher 752, James Timoch 822, Bernie Valdez 754, Carl Wilson 985.

Cherry and Gray Club (giving \$1000 -\$4,999):

Chris Anderson 743, Don Baird 190, Jesse Berkowitz 1234, Joseph Boles 228, Moose Brown 927, Dan Buie 298, Len Ceglie, Jay Chrien 908, Richard Cocklin, Tim Coleridge 345, Larry Crisp 431, Greg Curtis 862, Chris Davis 1483, Tom Dunn 636, Bob Eberwine 197, Joe Estafen 348, Jim Foght 172, Keith Goble 913, Jeff Graham 1138, Roger Greeni 392, Bryon Hamad 1130, Larry Hart 140, Karl Hasenstab 865, Matthew Hayes 1426, Arthur Hertzi 350, Jeff Hoffman 352, Dominic Hohman 1473, Phil Huff 1122, Chris Islay 1048, Joe Janesh 1162, Dr. Frank Kelly 154, Steve Knotts 890, James Lawrence 975, Del Liston 191, Andrew Marhevsky 388, David Meyers 382, Mark Mitchell 854, Mike Mitov 917, Dr. William Muse, Robert Och 940, Byron Olsen 282, Tracey Page 1156, Robert Peters 200, Mike Quirk 123, Fred Ream 312, Tom Ruth 820, Steve Sage 1181, Eric Shriver 1128, Ron Smith 268, Jonathon Snelting 1283, Michael Snyder 837, Phil Souers 419, Charles Strigle 17, John Timoch 1175, Jared Tudor, Ed Uhlir 445, Bob Vangrin 315, Frank Williams 112.

Order of the Founders (giving \$5,000 -\$9,999):

Don Brown 640, Dave Chapman 326, Dr. Sam Coleridge 345, Tom Doll 690, Charles Huettner 326, Frank Kelly 914, Rick Kopf 522, Stephen Kremer 853, Robert Paduchik 858, Gary Penn 709, Chuck Snyder 701.

Knights of Classic Lore (giving \$10,000 - \$24,999):

Dave Baxter 716, Gary Benjamin 252, Tom Demeter 170, Jerry Konn 735, Larry Shirk 384, Tom Sopko 418, Steve Wilt 824.

The Fraternity for Life (giving \$25,000+):

Jeff Bowersox 598, Kevin Brock 803, Brian Hoffman 405, Lon Justice, Dr. Tom Lyttle 244, Bill Rhodes 782.

Our lowest scroll number who has given is Charles Strigle #17 from the original fraters who started the chapter, and the highest scroll is Chris Davis #1483. Thank you for your donation.

Please give Beta Rho!! Let's see your name on the giving triangle so generations of new fraters can share in the experiences of TKE.

Come Connect at our Old Timer Breakfasts

September 6, 2023

November 1, 2023

Breakfast starts at 9am—Akron Family Restaurant 250 W. Market St.

For those of you that are questioning “who qualifies as an old-timer”:
55 & up! Yep! that’s right ...you are OLD!

Akron Family Restaurant
250 W. Market St.



Our TKE House: Securing the next 75 years for Beta Rho

We have the most versatile and fantastic chapter house on campus! We have hosted TKE regional leadership meetings here, sororities have used it the house for fundraisers and other local TKE chapters have held their initiations here. In fact, IFC stopped house tours because potential candidates once they saw our house would not continue on to other houses!



We obtained this house in 2014 through a \$1 lease which runs through 2054! We invested over \$850,000 to update and improve the existing structure which opened in 2015. In 2020 the house appraised for over \$900,000 and we still owe \$370,000 for our mortgage. This mortgage costs \$60,000 annually.

The BP housing board goal is to pay off this mortgage for our 75th anniversary which will make the TKE house more affordable for the undergraduates and secure the future of Beta Rho for another 75 years.

In the Atrium we have started a giving triangle listing all the cumulative donations since 1998 (that's all the history we can find).

We have 5 levels of giving:

Fraters of BP:	\$ 500
Cherry & Gray Club	\$1000
Order of the Founders:	\$5000
Knights of Classic Lore:	\$10,000
The Fraternity for Life :	\$25,000 +



Beta Rho House
Ribbon Cutting 2015

We need your help to pay off this mortgage. Without a mortgage we will be able to set up a maintenance fund and help fund the chapter like we had in the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's at the Fir Hill property! All donations can go through the University of Akron Foundation. We use the University's charitable foundation because we get 100% of the money you give, and all donations are tax deductible.

Individuals or groups of fraters can give for the naming right of a room. The specific room you name you will have a plaque with your name (or group of names). Also, your gift will be honored on the cumulative giving triangle in the atrium.

Each Bedroom:	\$10,000
Living Room:	\$30,000
Trophy Room:	\$50,000
Chapter Room:	\$75,000

Please give what you can afford. You can pay in a lump sum, or you can give over a 60-month period with either annual notifications sent by the foundation or monthly charges on your credit card.

Giving is easy: Text TKE to 41444 or visit uakron.edu/giving/TKE.

We need your help for the future of Beta Rho. Please donate to Beta Rho!

Prytanis' Chapter Update



Dan LaGuardia , #1689

We had a good year for Beta-Rho. We have had multiple brotherhoods and socials in the spring semester along with some philanthropic events over the summer, such as the annual Memories On Motorcycles Poker Run hosted by Gerry Konn and worked the Monster Jam event at the Browns stadium.

There are currently two fraters on the Inter Fraternal Council (IFC) and one frater that is running for the Student Trustee position here at the University of Akron. I am one of the fraters on the IFC board, my position is the VP of Health and Safety, and I am also planning to run for IFC President in the Spring of 2024.

We have initiated 21 new men into our bond and are planning to get 25 new initiates for the upcoming school year. Most of our actives are still Business and Engineering majors, along with some other actives that are here for E-Sports.

This year our stand at the Browns stadium is changing. Due to our commitment and dependability, we have been given the opportunity to have a stand on the first floor of the stadium, it is the Michael Simon (B-Spot) stand. Our stand will be located right inside the Southeast gate, also known as the University Hospital Gate. This is an amazing opportunity we have been given and could allow us to make up to 50% more than we did in the past school year.

This year we have decided to increase our annual commitment to St Jude's from \$5,000 to \$6,000. We have also committed to reviving the Walk-A-Mile In Her Shoes Philanthropic event that benefits the Rape Crisis Center of Summit-Medina County.

We are really looking forward to celebrating our 75th anniversary in October. On the 6th of October, we are having a formal event at the Portage Country Club. On the 7th of October, we will be tailgating in the Chapter House before the game and tickets will be available for those who would like to attend the game.

On Friday, October 20th we will once again be hosting the Delta Zeta annual Chili Cookoff, and we invite any alumni to enter any pot of chili into the event.

As you can read, we are looking forward to a busy semester and look forward to welcoming any of you to the house this fall.

YITB,

Dan LaGuardia #1689

Support the Undergraduate Chapter at the Browns Games!



This will be the second year the active member will work a concession stands at all Browns home games. Due to their great work last year, Aramark has moved them to a better location which should enable them to raise even more money for their Charity – St. Jude Children Research Hospital as well as the chapter.

This year they will be at the Michael Simon “B-Spot” stand located just inside the stadium’s southeast gate (Univ. Hospital gate). T Chapter’s goal is to raise \$6,000 for St. Jude Children Hospital, our TKE international philanthropy and also set aside funds to lower the semesterly costs to each member.

Please stop by the B-Spot, say hello and get a pic with the boys.





Chris Zhao Scroll: #1723

Member Spotlight – Chris Zhao

Chris Zhao Scroll #1723

Hometown: Fairlawn, Ohio

Age: 21

Major: Electrical Engineering

Hobbies: Guitar, Basketball, Swimming

Why did you join: I hung out with one of the fraters after classes - Ryan Baughman. He brought me to the house for a party. Once I came around, I really liked the vibe here.

Post grad plans: Wants to get his license and possibly live in another state. Also wants to start a side job in finance.

Interesting fact: Born in Guangzhou, China (it’s southern China) and moved to the US when he was 17 years old. Just returned from China visiting family. My stepbrother’s grandfather is also a Teke.



Each year, the alumni of Delta Gamma host the Delta Gamma Lecture Series. This past semester, NBC Weatherman Al Roker was the honored speaker.

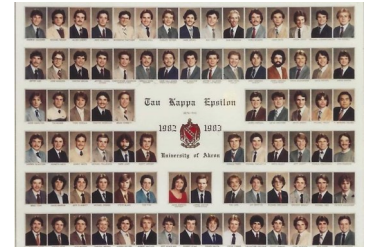
Thanks to a donation from a Beta-Rho alumnus, our chapter leadership attended both the dinner and lecture.

Pictured are (l to r) Chapter Prytanis Dan LaGuardia, Al Roker, and Chapter Epiprytanis-Internal Nick Campana.

Still looking for missing composites - Need your Help

Thanks to Dave Gimbala and John Myello for providing their copies of the 1986-87 composites. We had it enlarged and it is now hanging on the hallway in the chapter house. As you may know we tried contacting Fraternal Composites Inc. We were informed they had a fire in 2000 and lost all the archives prior to the fire. We are still looking for the following years:

- 1987-88
- 1992-93
- 1993-94



Those were the days!



Chapter Prytanis Larry Pinkerton escorting the Tekequecade Queen (an Alpha Gam) around the pool at the annual event. Does anyone remember her name? Email Chapter Prytanis—Dan LaGuardia (djl138@akron.edu)

Fraters Jum Thompson, Dave Jolly and Larry Pinkerton enjoying another Greek Week picnic



Fraters installing the TKE letters in front of the house on Fir Hill in the early 1960's. Can anyone identify these guys? Email Chapter Prytanis—Dan LaGuardia (djl138@akron.edu)



Frater Pat Dunbrack and Chapter Sweetheart Tina (Spahr) Kremer singing in room #7



(L to R) Fraters Adam Harding, Brian Gorog, Eric Wagner and Joel Falinski enjoying the 2008 Golf Outing.



Posing with a pic with Steve Forbes at 2013 Conclave. (L to R) Val McKenzie; Mike Briach; Steve Forbes; Kadeem Midgette and Eli Jones



Fraters Kevin Casper & Clay Morris in SoCal for Clay's wedding



A Great Day for Golfing

On Saturday, June 17th we fielded 60 golfers for the Annual Eberwine Open. The weather was perfect—sunny and 76 degrees. Stephan Kremer made his annual appearance as the grill chef. Lon Justice mad a special appearance and helped to keep the event on schedule.

Chapter President Dan LaGuardia and EpiPrytanis-Internal Nick Campana helped to man the beer/beverage carts and help with awarding prizes . Also Phil Migyanko and Grammateus Grant Rhamy were instrumental with dinner setup and the video presentation. Thanks to the undergrads for all their help.

After dinner, Jeff Bowersox spoke regarding donations to the chapter through the UA Alumni Association. Two new videos have been created and a third is in the works. The second video was shown to all. Check out our website for all videos – www.tkebp.org.

All golfers received TKE-themed hats and Callaway Diablo balls at the start. Steve Knotts provided TKE-logoed and Canton Brewing Company-logoed glassware. Also this year we upgraded our prizes : Taylor made Stealth Plus Driver; Calloway Odyssey White Hot Putter; Cleveland Putter; 4 \$100 and 4 \$50 gift certificates to Golf Galaxy; (2) Dozen of Chrome Soft X-LS golf balls, 8 \$25 gift certificates to the Mayfair course and door prizes—Maxfli performance golf hitting net; Barstool golf club head cover and Ain't No Hobby golf towel.

A few of the prize winners were:

- Longest drive (Taylormade Stealth Plus driver) – Bob Carlson*
- Closest to the Pin (Calloway Odyssey White Hot putter) - Chris Davis*
- Low Scroll (dozen Chrome Soft X-LS balls) – Dan Buie #297*

Other door prizes included:

- Maxfli Performance Golf Hitting Net - Tom Sopko*
- Barstool Golf Club Head Cover – Larry Shirk*
- Ain't No Hobby Golf Towel – Aiden Probst*

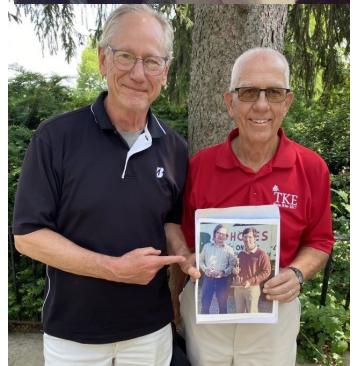
We look forward to an even larger crowd and more prizes next year.

SAVE the DATE:

2024 Eberwine Open Mayfair Golf Course June 15, 2024 8 am Shotgun start!

Put it on your calendar and start making plans to attend! Read future BeePs and check out our website for more information – www.tkebp.org

See you then!



50 years of golf outings 1973 & 2023 photos of Fraters Ed Uhlir & Larry Shirk.

Chapter Prytanis, Dan LaGuardia driving the beer cart



Grill Master Stephan Kremer



Fraters Dan Buie and Rick Kopf finishing a great steak lunch

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See inside for details. We hope to see you there!