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CELEBRATE 115 YEARS OF BETA-CHI WITH YOUR BROTHERS

Hall of Fame Banquet, October 13

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At Homecoming this year, October 12-13, we will celebrate our 115th year of the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at MSM/UMR/MST. Several classes will be having reunions, including the infamous '50s group. The main event is the Hall of Fame banquet Saturday night. Please gather some pledge brothers and join us. **Fred Neimeier '92**, senior VP of Harbour Group, has agreed to be the emcee for the event. We are looking forward to seeing all of you and celebrating **Robert Wright '56, Bill Meister '73, Stephen Hoffmann '02, and Grant Mabie '02** as our 2018 inductees.

One of the amenities in the new house is the weight room. We had no idea how popular it would be. This year we are planning on expanding the weight room and moving the storage to the outside shed. This will require purchasing a new shed, moving walls, installing a new rubber floor, ceiling, and lighting, and doing some HVAC and electrical work. We will also purchase additional equipment and expect to spend \$30,000. Any support you could provide toward this project would be appreciated.

Several years ago, we added \$5,000 in scholarships to help us recruit the best and the brightest students to pledge Kappa Sigma. This is on top of the \$1,000 scholarships we give to freshmen who meet certain academic requirements. Our biggest need is financial aid. Many brothers run across financial hardships, and we just don't have the funds to help them out. We sometimes let them pay us back slowly after graduation, but we need to do more. Many of these cases involve good brothers whose family fell on hard times. The Beta-Chi Educational Foundation is a tax-exempt entity to help us with scholarships and the educational needs of the Fraternity. We would appreciate any help you can give to support the foundation.

I hope to see you all at the 115th celebration!

A.E.K.Δ.B.,

Robert Hoffmann '78

Alumni House Fund Association President
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Beta-Chi Collegians Excel on All Fronts

Beta-Chi has been dominating on campus this year on many fronts. We started the fall semester with a recruitment class of 38, which is the largest class at Missouri S&T in recent memory. We have since added seven spring new members and are gearing up for another large class in the fall under the leadership of our recruitment chairman, **Connor LeCroix '17**.

We excelled philanthropically with our Oktoberfest in the fall, raising more than \$3,000 for the Military Heroes campaign.

This spring we will be holding our 14th annual fish fry with the women of Zeta Tau Alpha, and all of the money raised will go to the Military Heroes campaign and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Greek Week competition in the fall was action packed as Beta-Chi stormed back from an 80-point deficit early in the week to secure our first win in four years. Beta-Chi also participated in the St. Pat's competition this year and worked hard

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Beta-Chi after winning Greek Week this Fall.



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Beta-Chi Collegians Excel

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for a first-place win behind St. Pat's Chairman and Vice President **Joseph Aleman '14**.

Academically, Beta-Chi boasts a 3.08 GPA for the fall semester, which puts us among the top Greek chapters and above the all-men's average. As summer arrives, Beta-Chi is looking forward to another year of success and brotherhood.

A.E.K.A.B.,
Ryan Howe '14
Grand Master
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Zach Tognarelli '13 drives the tank for the Greek Week show chariot.



Greek Week's tug of war is a tough competition.



From left, Timur Guler '18, Angelo Karagiannis '18, Dawson Satterfield '17, James Tulotta '17, and Joe Aleman '14 prepare the snake pits for St. Pat's.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Alex Andrews Batavia, Ill.	Will Goldkamp St. Louis, Mo.	Angelo Karagiannis St. Louis, Mo.	Seth Rodewald Concordia, Mo.
Gehrig Bristow Independence, Mo.	Timur Guler O'Fallon, Mo.	Jack Knepler O'Fallon, Mo.	Georges Roumas Vacaville, Calif.
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Joe Distler High Ridge, Mo.	Ben Huinker O'Fallon, Mo.	Brandon Long Kansas City, Mo.	James Tulotta Eastchester, N.Y.
Austin Dixon Warrenton, Mo.	David Hummel St. Louis, Mo.	Joey McEvoy St. Louis, Mo.	Benjamin Webb O'Fallon, Mo.
Stephen Dobronski Ballwin, Mo.	Noah Jackson Belleville, Ill.	Austin Potter Gower, Mo.	*Legacy
Joey Galczynski St. Louis, Mo.		Alex Remillard Rolla, Mo.	

To refer an incoming MS&T student to Kappa Sigma, please contact Connor Lecroix '17 at (573) 201-9157 or [cjlkkcc@mst.edu](mailto:cjlkcc@mst.edu).

GENEROUS ALUMNI, WE THANK YOU \$20,226 Raised in 2017

We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual program. Alumni who contributed to the 2017 appeals are listed by initiation year under the appropriate giving levels. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma, University of Missouri Science & Technology, P.O. Box 442100, Lawrence, KS 66044. Thank you, again, for giving back to the Chapter—it truly does make a difference!

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2018 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

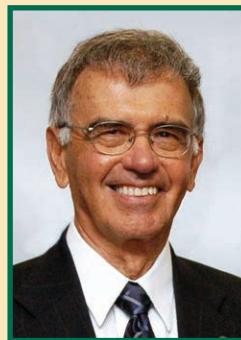
Robert Wright '56

Robert Wright '56 says that living in a fraternity house taught him many lessons that have benefitted him professionally and personally. "My undergraduate experience contributed heavily toward my maturing process—to be considerate of my brothers and learning communication skills, as well as becoming a leader."

A native of Springfield, Missouri, Robert was recruited by several hometown Kappa Sigma members. He says his favorite memories of those early years "were not necessarily all that pleasant at the time since they include hell week and carrying a large shillelagh everywhere during St. Patrick's week."

While studying for a degree in civil engineering, Robert held several Chapter and campus offices: Beta-Chi grand master, Blue Key and Chi Epsilon president, and ROTC brigade commander. After graduation he began his career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a first lieutenant combat engineer leader. He later went on to work for Clark Daily and Dietz, HMG Consulting Engineers, R.F. Weston, and Boyle Engineering. Also earning an M.S. degree in environmental engineering from Washington University in St. Louis and an M.S. in civil engineering from Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Robert's path took him to RHMG Engineers, CH2MHill, Missimer International, and finally to Watervap.

Not only is Robert a registered professional engineer in five states and a diplomat member of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers,



he is the designated inventor of two U.S. patents pertaining to water desalination processes. A highlight of his career was winning the 2006 Dow Jones/General Electric Environmental Business Plan Challenge. He was awarded \$50,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to New York with his wife, Donna. "We saw my name and award posted for 36 continuous hours on the Times Square news ticker."

Robert's success has made him realize that accomplishments cannot be achieved without leadership. It can't be "measured by monetary means, but more so by the ability a person has to inspire others and help with making this world a better place in which to live."

Service and leadership are still important to Robert long after his college days. He was president of the Fort Myers (Fla.) Rotary Club and of the Calusa Chapter Florida Engineering Society and is a lay minister at his church.

Robert and Donna have been married for 58 years and live in Dahlonega, Georgia. They have two sons, David and Douglas, and three grandchildren, Alex (20), Laura (15), and Sophia (9). Over the years, Robert's hobbies have included tennis, golfing, hiking, and white water rafting. He enjoys reading, gardening, and walking their two dogs in his free time. Robert can be reached at rwright129@aol.com.

Grant Mabie '02

The list of memories is long for **Grant Mabie '02**—including Greek Week, St. Pat's, float trips, and road trips—but perhaps his favorite undergraduate days were spent just hanging out with his brothers at the Chapter House, playing beergammon, listening to music, and ringing the social bell.

Encouraged by his father, **Glenn Mabie '76**, to go Greek and to check out Beta-Chi, Grant says his dad ultimately wanted him to choose the chapter he most connected with. After the first Kappa Sigma recruitment event at a St. Louis Blues game (where he was picked up in a conversion van and had a great time with **Aaron Prewitt '02**, **Stephen Parle '00**, **Nathan Hooper '03**, **Ketan Patel '00**, and **Seth Hanebutt '96**) and meeting other brothers, he signed on the dotted line.

Learning discipline and forming good habits were necessary to meeting MS&T's rigorous academic requirements, and Beta-Chi provided a home that supported Grant's studies and so much more. "Not only were my undergraduate years some of the most fun times, but I made lifelong friends through the fraternity." Grant took advantage of the many leadership opportunities presented through the fraternity and university. He served Beta-Chi as outer guard, rush chairman, and a judicial board officer, among other positions, and he represented Kappa Sigma on the Interfraternity Council and was Poseidon during Greek Week 2004. In addition to writing a weekly feature column for the *Missouri Miner* student newspaper, Grant was a member of several leadership and service societies on campus, including Theta Tau Omega and Order of Omega.

Grant graduated summa cum laude in 2005 with a B.S. in business and management systems. He went on to law school and received a J.D. in 2008 from Saint Louis University. He worked at Oswald Law Firm (2008–



10) and has been an attorney with Hein Schneider & Bond for the past eight years, focusing on real estate and business litigation matters. Recognized by Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers as a Rising Star in Real Estate (2014–17), Grant has a successful record of trial wins and judgments affirmed by the Missouri Court of Appeals.

Brother Mabie represents the type of stewards Beta-Chi needs to carry on the fraternity's achievements. As a successful attorney, as well as licensed real estate broker, Grant uses his experience and skills to benefit Beta-Chi, serving as an advisor and member of the educational foundation and house fund association. "An organization like Beta-Chi, filled with quality and talented individuals, can achieve amazing things when its leaders are honest, inspiring, and lead by example. Quality leadership is critical to an organization."

He encourages undergraduates and alumni alike to "be an agent for change. If you are frustrated with the status quo, there are probably others who agree with you and will help you articulate the need and make the change you seek." He also believes diligence and preparation make all the difference, "whether planning a service event or preparing for trial. How much you prepare and how hard you work are variables you can always control."

Grant and his wife, Patty (ZTA), met on Kappa Sigma's back patio and live in Crestwood, Missouri, where Grant has been elected to the Board of Aldermen. They have two daughters, Anne and Claire. When not working or volunteering, Grant spends as much time as possible with his family and friends—attending Cardinals games and "golfing terribly." He and several Beta-Chi brothers have a standing monthly happy hour, which strengthens the bond established years ago. "Always make time for a drink with friends." Contact Grant at grantmabie@gmail.com.

ALUMNI NEWS

CHAPTER CELESTIAL

J. Paul Kemper '56 passed on to Chapter Celestial on February 23, 2018. He was two days shy of his 81st birthday. Paul received his bachelor of science degree in mining and metallurgical engineering. He played football for the university for a time and was active in various clubs. Paul served as Chapter president, all while taking 21 college hours. After graduation, Paul served in the United States Army Reserve Command as a lieutenant stationed in Germany. He was offered a pro contract with the Baltimore Colts but turned it down, as it wasn't the path he wanted to take in life. He also had an MBA from Loyola University in Maryland and enough hours for a second master's degree, just lacking the dissertation. Paul worked for ASARCO, American Smelting and Refining Company, for 34 years. While working in Maryland, he met Sandi Hall. They fell in love and were married on December 19, 1971, and had a wonderful life together, celebrating nearly 46 years before her passing in August 2017. Paul is survived by his daughter, Diane Kemper Williams of Waco, Texas; granddaughter, Morgan Williams Dietrick and her husband, Ethan Dietrick, of Fayetteville, Arkansas; his sister, Claudette Kemper Columbus; nieces and nephews; and family members and friends throughout the country.

ALUMNI NOTES

Leroy F. Manor '57 and his wife, Susan, have three children: Jon, Melinda, and Michael, and live in Bellingham, Mass. He retired in 2002 as district manager for Sporan Valve Co. "What am I up to? About 6 feet!" He has a 20' x 40' two-story barn with every kind of woodworking tool, and he works out at the Y. He and Susan spend the winter months in Sarasota, Fla. Email: lmanor218@comcast.net

Raymond A. Behrens '65 retired in 2009 as corporate vice president of human resources for SAF-Holland. He and his wife, Holly, have two children, Susan and Steven, and live in Raymore, Mo. They live on a golf course, but his game "is not getting any better." Ray enjoys traveling, visiting his grandchildren, and volunteering. Email: rab2747@yahoo.com

R. George Calkins '69 retired in 2016 as manager of Granite City Steel. He lives in St. Louis, Mo., and is busy with two granddaughters, boating, motorcycles, his diesel motor coach, snow skiing, cycling, and senior volleyball. Email: gcalkins2227@gmail.com

Rick Rule '69 and his wife, Karen, have been married for 46 years and live in Rittman, Ohio. They have two daughters and three grandchildren. "I built my retirement home (aka woodworking shop) in 2001, retired from real work (Parker-Hannifin) in 2005, and bucket-listed working part time in an Ace Hardware store." Rick has been a 4-H shooting sports instructor, a driver for the American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program, and a Big Brother volunteer. Email: rickmrule@gmail.com

Thomas Pelger '70 lives in Peoria, Ill., and has three children: Angie, Jeff, and Beth. He retired in 2010 as growth industries department manager for Caterpillar Overseas. He stays busy volunteering for charity organizations, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, as North Central Region vice president and national board of directors. Email: tppelger@gmail.com

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Darrel "Luds" Ludwig '72 and his wife, Sally, live in Cypress, Texas, and have one child, Preston. Luds retired in 2017 as senior plant manager for Ellwood Texas Forge, Houston. He is thankful his house was not one of over 185,000 homes that flooded due to Hurricane Harvey. "Since I am now retired, Sally and I spent a week mucking out neighbors' homes and will continue working with our church's recovery teams. Pray for us down in Texas!" Email: darrellludwig@comcast.net

Donald R. Brown '75 lives in Kansas City, Mo., and retired from Kansas City Power & Light in February 2018. He then began treatment for his terminal cancer. Email: donraybrown@earthlink.net

Bruce A. Bowermaster '75 and his wife, Pauli, live in Wood River, Ill. They have four children:

Jessica, Wade, Rebecca, and Emily. Bruce retired in 2016 as an estimating specialist with Boeing. He now has more time for playing with his grandchildren, fishing, and hunting. Email: bruceandpauli@charter.net

Joseph D. Feldmann '78 is a project manager for Cochran Engineering in Union, Mo. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Washington, Mo., and have two children, Allison and Brendan. Email: jdfeldmann@icloud.com

Richard T. Bradley '84 and his wife, Alison, live in St. Louis, Mo., and have one child, Kristin. In April 2017, Rich was appointed to his third term as president of the Board of Public Service by Mayor Lyda Krewson. Email: bradley1211@gmail.com