



Knighly News

Summer 2004 newsletter

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CHAPTER UPDATE

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BETA LAMBDA PLEDGE CLASS

On January 17th, 2004 we initiated the four members of the Beta Lambda (fall 2003) pledge class into our chapter. The Epsilon Eta Chapter would like to welcome Brice Cole, Cameron Brown, Gabe Hayon, and Pat Finn to the brotherhood.

BETA MU PLEDGE CLASS

On April 30, 2004 we initiated two new members of the Beta Mu pledge class into our chapter: Justin Balchun and Austin Nadeau. We are confident that these two along with the Beta Lambda pledge class will be a great addition to our chapter.

HOUSING

The Chapter House is currently in poor condition. As a result we are often doing projects to keep it looking decent. Projects completed during the year included painting the brotherhood room, the basement, as well as the majority of the exterior. This past spring, we finished painting the house and replaced a number of broken fence boards in the backyard fence. In the fall we will continue to repair the fence and probably construct new letters for the roof. New carpeting on the upstairs of the house will also need to be replaced in the near future. Any donations that can help fund these projects are greatly appreciated.

TECHNOLOGY

We have recently purchased the web domain www.vtka.org. The web site is up and running and is updated regularly. We will soon have some of the composites from the past few years available. Any questions or comments regarding the web page should be directed to Matt Petak (mpetak@vt.edu).

PHILANTHROPY

This past spring, the majority of the chapter participated in The Big Event. This is a campus wide event where students from various organizations get together and help out the community with nearly 200 projects. We are planning on participating in this next year as well. The Chapter is currently trying to hold one of our own philanthropy events to support MDA, but have not finalized the event; any suggestions are welcome. Please contact Michael Forbes.

OLD SOUTH

Old South was held Saturday, April 24th at the Best Western Red Lion Inn on Prices Fork Road. The event was a huge success and a number of our alumni joined us for the evening. This coming year we would love to see all of our alumni come join us for Old South in the spring. We will keep you posted as we plan for the coming year. Thank you to all of the alumni who made an appearance.

ALUMNI NEWS

ALUMNI CHAPTER

Our local alumni chapter is called The New River Valley Alumni Chapter of The Kappa Alpha Order. Our alumni Chapter is currently working on and funding a chapter endowment account for the active chapter through National's L.E.A.P. program. If you would like to get involved in with the alumni chapter, contact Jim Cochrane (jcochrane@highwayexpress.com). Annual dues for the alumni chapter are only \$25.00.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Our records of many of the alumni are very outdated. If you know of anyone that is not getting the newsletter or is not on the alumni email listserv, please email me (tapowell@vt.edu) or fill out the online form (<http://filebox.vt.edu/org/KA/alumnicorrespondenceform.htm>) so we can update our records. We would really like to get all of you on the email listserv so that we can better keep you informed of what's going on in the chapter. This year we would like to send the newsletters strictly electronically. This would allow us to send out multiple newsletters every semester as it would cut the costs of postage and paper.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brothers of Kappa Alpha Order,

For those of you who do not know me, let me introduce myself: my name is Michael Forbes a civil engineering major at V-Tech. I was born and raised in Hillsborough, New Jersey. I rushed and pledged Kappa Alpha Order in the Fall of 2002 with the Beta Iota pledge class. I have held several positions thus far including the III, IV, and currently the Number I of our chapter.

Currently our chapter is involved with various activities around campus; we have two active brothers serving in the United States Marine Corps, a new initiate on the Clay Target Team at Tech, a few brothers on the roller hockey team, and many other brothers serving the community in other ways.

As the current President, I have pushed more community service and am trying to increase the size of the chapter. One event that we participated in was a trip away from Blacksburg. The brothers and dates made a trip to South Holston Lake, TN in the spring (in our first annual Luau). We stayed the weekend in tents on an island where we had a beautiful stay on the lake. The brotherhood will also be involved in this year's homecoming activities with Alpha Chi Omega. This is first time we have participated in homecoming in about two years.

We will be holding an Alumni Weekend this year in the fall, invitations will be sent out early September. We will incorporate a football game with the weekend (we should have a good opponent being in the ACC rather than the Big East). We are a young chapter and would love to see a strong sense of brotherhood from our alumni that is vital to being a KA, by having a strong showing and support of our alumni.

"The mystic bond of brotherhood makes all men one."
- Thomas Carlyle

Fraternally,

Michael Forbes