



# Beta-Nu 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hall of Fame

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY**

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beta-Nu Chapter Hall of Fame Award is presented by the Beta-Nu Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity on Friday, October 21, 2016.

Conceived as a way of honoring Kappa Sigma and Beta-Nu alumni for outstanding achievements, this award will become an integral part of our tradition here at Beta-Nu.

Inductees are among a select group of alumni. Recognition is given to those who have excelled in their career, or in their service to the community and/or the fraternity.



# HALL OF FAME AWARDS BANQUET

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**WELCOME  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Joe Bowling '90

**INVOCATION & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Father Matthew Summe '92 (Beta-Nu)

**DINNER**

**STATE OF THE CHAPTER  
PRESENTATION & UNDERGRAD AWARDS**

Tyler Ware '14, Grand Master

**LEGACY RECOGNITION**

Thomas Roth Gray '12 // R. Michael Gray '77, Father

KC Wold '14 // Chris Wold '76, Father

Leighton Dupree '15 // Ric Dupree '76, Father

Karl Hinkell '13 // James Hinkel '15 // Jeffrey Hinkel '80, Father

Chris McCleary '71 // Roderick S. McCleary '77, Brother // Roderick S. McCleary II '06, Nephew

**HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION**

Mic Wilson '78

**HOUSE UPDATE**

Robert "Bob" Droste '76, House Corporation President

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

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# HALL OF FAME

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Michael Stacy '92



# INDUCTEES

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

### Reed Hume '55

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Reed Hume rolled into Lexington on a Sunday night in September of 1954 ready to become an Aeronautical Engineer upon graduating from Southern High School in Okolona, Kentucky. He walked into one of the men's dormitories where there seemed to be some activity and said, "here I am, how do I get a room?" He was turned away because there was no room at the dorm. That meant a night in his '46 Ford 4 door. On Monday he ran into a high school classmate, Jim Hindle, who had a married cousin living in the paper barracks of Cooperstown and this solved Mondays problem of where to sleep that night. Soon Jim and Reed rented a room in a "museum" on Maxwell Street across from Crane's, one of the most popular saloons in Lexington because draft cards were not required there to have a beer, or more, besides home was just across the street.

Next challenge was registration held in Memorial Coliseum. He soon learned what a circus registration is, but after fighting through this nightmare, there was a table where one could sign up for "Rush". What's that? It was a chance to visit all of the frat houses, meet guys, enjoy snacks and get free cigarettes everywhere.

After visiting many of the frats on campus in those days there was simply no question where he wanted to pledge and that was Kappa Sigma, and the feeling was mutual in spite of his going through rush in the middle of September dressed in a light gray wool suit, pink oxford cloth shirt and a black knit tie.

The end of rush came with a mass meeting in Memorial Hall where pledges were announced. He was thrilled when selected by Kappa Sigma. After all pledges were assembled the ritual was to convene at The Main Spring Saloon where Otto ran the show. What a great feeling to be selected by Kappa Sigma who was represented by many great future brothers including Roger Ladenburger, JC Roberts, Buzzy Nave, Ken Lucas, John Dicken and so many more and a pledge mate Jim Hindle.

460 Hilltop was in only its second semester of occupancy so Reed was invited to move in clearly against university rules forbidding freshmen in fraternity houses. After a couple of months the university put on the heat to clear fraternity house so Brother Hume moved to another rooming house.

Sophomore year and beyond 460 Hilltop was home for Reed for the duration of his matriculation at UK. In his junior year he was elected Grand Master of Beta-Nu. Employment at the Campbell House, Kappa Delta, Marine Corps reserves and GR Watkins Engineers provided the funds for completion of a degree in Mechanical Engineering (Aeronautical Option) in December of 1959.

In 1965 while employed by Boeing Aircraft in Huntsville, AL he met and married Gloria Gray (a Kappa Sigma legacy!). 1968 brought Gloria and Reed back to Louisville. Together they produced three children, Clay and twins David and Suzy. Various engineering, sales and management jobs led Reed to incorporate C Reed Hume & Associates in 1983 selling industrial machinery.

From graduation to current day, Reed has kept in touch with many of the brothers even before the days of email. Whenever Beta-Nu Brothers would run into each other they would always close with "let's get together for lunch sometime", but sometime never seemed to arrive. About 15 years ago, starting with about five or six Brothers, a time and place for lunch was set and that was the genesis of the group. Eventually it spread to attendance by Brothers from many schools besides UK. One of the best lunches occurred several years ago when there were Brothers who graduated in the decades of the '40's, '50's, '60's, 70's, '80's, '90's, '00's and TO's. Brothers pass and come and go but we still manage to get together every 6- 8 weeks and keep up with the lives of each other.

Today through the generosity of Brother Al Sullivan and his son Glenn (Tulane), meetings have been held at the dining Room at Sullivan University. AEKDB.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## David Ravencraft '56

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David Ravencraft graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1959, receiving his Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration. He was greatly involved in All Campus Sing and Intermural sports.

Brother Ravencraft had many achievements throughout his undergraduate years. He was the President of the Student Government Association and Chairman of Judiciary while Vice President of SGA. In addition, he was President of the UK Troopers. Not only was David the President of two organizations, he was also involved in Lamp and Cross Senior Men's Honorary Society and the Student Advisor of Cooperstown's married student housing.

Although now retired, he worked for Ashland, Inc. for 39 years as well as a Washington Lobbyist and consultant, and the Director of Personal-Ashland Canada, sales management and human relations.

As referenced earlier, David served as a Washington Lobbyist formulating Energy Policy and Legislation for ethanol and synthetic fuels. He was a treasurer of the Synthetic Fuels Council. Additionally, he was the President of Aqua Terra, a wildlife and fisheries consulting group and managing partner of Brave Book Farm, a thoroughbred horse farm located in Kentucky. Clearly, Ravencraft was a successful man in his career path. His community involvement is also honorable as he was the President of Kentucky Society of Washington and Secretary/Treasurer of the Society of State Societies (sponsor of the National Cherry Blossom Festival).

Ravencraft stayed involved with the UK Alumni Association and became president in 1986. He also was the president of the UK Alumni of Washington.

Currently, David resides in Reston, VA with his wife Charlene. They have three children, Matthew David, Lori Lynn, and Chad Thomas (deceased), three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

When asked what Beta-Nu and Kappa Sigma meant to him, he said, "My Pledge Class had character and integrity. They were talented and devoted to each other and great singers. Some of us developed lifelong friendships, relying on one another, both personally and professionally. Several of us are still getting together from time to time and remain great brothers. Work hard at college, at both education and relationships. It can be one of the best times of your life...It was for me!"

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## Michael A. "Mickey" Conner '57

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Michael A. Conner was born Dec 3, 1938 in Hebron, KY. He graduated from Boone County High School in 1956 and lettered in four sports. Mickey attended the University of Kentucky in 1956 and graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce. While at the university, he pledged Kappa Sigma Fraternity in the fall of 1956 and was initiated the following spring. Brother Conner served as social chairman, Grand Treasurer and President. He also played and lettered for the UK baseball team from 1956 to 1960 and was president of the K Club his senior year.

Conner served in the United States Air Force/ Ohio Air National Guard as a pilot from 1962 to 1970 and resigned at the rank of Captain. He retired in 2005 after serving 43 years in the financial field at Second Federal Savings & Loan, Asst. VP, Hebron Deposit Bank, President and Chairman of the Board and First Financial Bank, COO and Board Member.

He has remained active within the community, having served on the following organizations, Hebron Lutheran Church, Treasurer and Council Member, Hebron Lutheran Church Foundation, Chairman, Boone County Bankers Association, President, Kentucky Bankers Association, Board Member, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Chairman and Board Member, Boone County Planning & Zoning Commission, Vice Chairman and Board Member, Booth Memorial Hospital, Board, Northern Kentucky Port Authority, Board, Hebron Fire Protection District, Chairman, Kenton County Airport Board (Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport), St. Luke Hospital, Chairman and Board Member, St. Luke Foundation, Chairman and Board Member, and St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Board Member.

Brother Conner is now living in Union, KY with his wife Linda Hurst Conner, Kappa Sigma Sweetheart 1959 and a member of UK Delta Delta Delta sorority. They have four children and four grandchildren. He is an avid sports fan and still plays golf the year 'round.



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## George T. Brown '58

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George T. Brown was born July 21, 1938 in Lebanon, Kentucky. He attended the University of Kentucky from 1956-1959, where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. Brown left UK to begin working as a credit manager in training for the Sears Roebuck company.

In 1962, Brown went to work for a general construction company in Louisville, Kentucky and set up a cost management accounting system for his employer. In 1964, he began working for a certified public accounting firm and in 1966, Brown started his own independent accounting firm and tax preparation service.

Brown's accounting firm opened the door for him to focus on other opportunities. In 1969, he developed Woodson Bend Resort condominium community on Lake Cumberland in Kentucky. And in 1972, he opened an elegant dinner theater and nightclub in Louisville. Brown also successfully obtained the first U.S. government Title X loan to build a Planned Urban Development (PUD). This loan resulted in him also building over 1000 apartment units. Additionally, he developed over 500 residential lots for single-family homes.

The success of these activities caused Brown to sell his accounting firm in 1974.

In 1979, Brown started a boat brokerage business, known as Island Traders, establishing a floating office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In 1982, in the wake of the break-up of AT&T, Brown established a telecommunications company called TMC, which within 24 months was generating revenues of almost \$1 billion. TMC was AT&T's second largest customer, right behind the U.S. government. Brown put his telecommunications "gold mine" up for sale, concluding same in December 1986. Brother Brown went to Siberian Russia and put together a joint venture and built an international telephone company, DAL. There he helped oversee the set-up of a large dish and complete telephone system, a partnership with three local companies, their wires to his dish and satellite to Hawaii and off to the world, thus opening up Russia.

All in all, Brown has built from the ground up and then operated more than fifteen new and successful businesses. Each was eventually sold for a substantial profit.

In addition to his business accomplishments, Brown has also made many community contributions. He has worked closely with the U.S. Jaycees, volunteering as its treasurer at the national convention in 1967 as well as serving as treasurer of the local Jaycee chapter in Louisville. In 1968, Brown was listed in the U.S. Jaycees' "Outstanding Young Men in America."

In 1970, Brown was invited, along with a hundred other young executives to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where the group formed the Young Presidents Club. In 2005, Brown became the first 1956 graduate of Dupont Manual High School in Louisville, Kentucky, to be inducted into its Hall of Fame.

Brown's most important accomplishment are his five children—Anthony, Michael, Catherine, George, Jr. and Brooke. "By far the lifelong relationships that were created because I became a Kappa Sig brother... the fellows I met as a Kappa Sig in the 50's are still close friends of mine today. It happened because of our time there. The relationships and friendships you develop become more special over time."

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## John W. Fitzwater, Sr. '59

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John W. Fitzwater, Sr. enrolled in the University of Kentucky in the fall of 1958 with the goal of becoming a sports writer for a daily newspaper. In the fall of 1959 he pledged and was initiated in Beta Nu Kappa Sigma. During his time at UK he was sports editor of the Kentucky Kernel, treasurer of Kappa Sigma, Kappa Sig rush chairman and social chairman. He worked as a table waiter at the football house and student assistant in the Sports Information office.

In 1961 he returned to his hometown of Somerset because of his mother's illness. He never returned to complete his degree being 17 hours short of graduating. He went to work for the Somerset newspaper and became involved in the Somerset Jaycees. He was elected president at age 25 and at the end of his presidency the chapter was recognized as the No. 1 chapter in America in civic improvement.

Two years later at age 27, he became the youngest president of the Kentucky Jaycees in its history. In 1968-69 John was Director of Administration for the U.S. Jaycees in Tulsa, Oklahoma. During that time he was placed on loan to the

White House to help create the National Center for Voluntary Action and later was on a White House fact-finding trip to South Vietnam reporting back to the President. In 1970 the Jaycees named him one of Kentucky's 3 Outstanding Young Men.

From 1972 until 2008 John published eight daily newspapers in six states working for the New York Times Company. He was instrumental in establishing the Economic Development Council in Florence, Alabama and Gainesville, Florida. He chaired the Lakeland, Florida Economic Development Council in 2001-2002.

In 1998 the New York Times Company asked him to chair Celebrate 2000, a coordinated effort of the Time's properties to celebrate the beginning of the 21st Century. The project became so popular that other newspapers across the country purchased the rights to sponsor Celebrate in their own communities. It was estimated that more than 200 daily newspapers from coast to coast ran the program.

Florida Governor Jeb Bush appointed him to the Florida Council of 100 in 1999 and he served for eight years. John has received numerous awards for his involvement in economic development and United Way in various communities.

After retiring in 2007, he became president of the \$120,000,000 Community Foundation of Greater Lakeland, a post he held for three years.

John has two children, son, John, Jr. of Somerset and daughter, Katherine of Lakeland, Florida. He and his wife, Lu, make their home in Lakeland where he continues to be involved in many civic affairs.

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## Thomas Kron '63

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Thomas M. Kron was born in Owensboro, Kentucky on February 28, 1943.

Kron played for the legendary Orlando "Gunner" Wyman at Tell City High School. He led the Marksmen to 4 Sectional and 3 Regional titles and during Tommy's Junior season (1960-61), he led them to the Indiana Final Four. The Marksmen lost their semi-final matchup to the Indianapolis Manual Redskins, starring the Van Arsdale Twins, Dick Van Arsdale and Tom Van Arsdale. He was named All-State and an Indiana All-Star in 1962. Kron was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001.

Brother Kron played college basketball at the University of Kentucky under legendary coach Adolph Rupp. As a senior member of Rupp's Runts during the 1965-1966 season, he led Kentucky to the NCAA Championship Finals versus UTEP, playing alongside such All-Americans as Pat Riley, Thad Jaracz and Louie Dampier.

Upon graduation from Kentucky, Kron had scored 719 points, grabbed 500 rebounds, and dished out 134 assists. In 1964-65 he was named both First Team All-Southeastern Conference by the coaches and Third Team by the AP. In 1965-66, he was named Third Team All-Southeastern Conference by the UPI.

In 1966, the St. Louis Hawks made him their 3rd round pick; as a rookie, he averaged 2.1 points per game off the bench. He then moved to Seattle, following the 1967 NBA Expansion Draft as a member of the SuperSonics and spent the next two seasons (1967-68 and 1968-69) coming off the bench and averaging 9.7 and 5.1 respectively. Tommy then moved to the ABA rejoining his Kentucky teammate Louie Dampier in leading the Colonels to the playoffs. He finished his career with the Colonels, becoming a fan favorite during the 1969 and 1970 seasons.

Brother Kron cherished his time on campus and within the Chapter. He credited the Chapter as the vehicle which formed lifelong bonds with Brothers Jim Snider, James Paul (2015 HOF inductee) and Big Brother Jim Showalter. Many laughs were had reliving the great experiences this group and others experienced as Brothers.

Tommy Kron joined the Chapter Celestial at age 64 on November 29, 2007.

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## Frank Houpt '68

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Initiated in April of '68, Frank Houpt was a very active undergraduate, on campus and at the Chapter House. Brother Houpt twice served as Grand Master of Ceremonies and he was responsible for the pledging and initiation of at least one new member per semester he was in school, amassing a record total of six "Little Brothers." He was also a chapter delegate to the 1970 Leadership Conference. He also served as Intramural Chair and IFC rep. On campus he was a two-year letterman with the UK Varsity soccer team.

Haupt graduated with a degree in Business Administration and continued on to earn his MBA from Emory in 1975.

Frank continued to serve Beta-Nu, holding the position of Assistant Alumnus Advisor ('75-76), Alumnus Advisor ('76-78) before continuing to serve Kappa Sigma in larger capacities. He spent 8 years as the District Grand Master IV for the central PA district from 1979-87. He also served as Pledge Education Commissioner, 1985-87. He then served as Worthy Grand Treasurer from 1987-1991. After his term was up, he continued to volunteer as AA for newly formed Nu-lota at Rowan University, a post he held for a decade. He also spent that decade on the Historical Commission.

Brother Haupt is the sole author of "Kappa Sigma – The Journey Continues 1969- 1995", and has been honored with the DGM of the Year Award, 1985, Alumni Advisor of the Year Award in both 1993 and 1994 as well as earning the Stephen Alonzo Jackson Award in 1987. He has initiated over 300 brothers into The Order.

"Essentially what I did was take what I learned at the Beta-Nu Chapter at the University of Kentucky and applied it as a foundation to over 200 Kappa Sigma Chapters."

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## Larry S. Blair '70

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Larry, an attorney and Certified Public Accountant, practices tax, business, estate and financial planning law, providing counsel to corporate executives, high net worth individuals. Larry Blair graduated in 1973 with a B.S. from the University of Kentucky. He continued to further his education and graduated with a J.D. in 1976, also from the University of Kentucky.

Larry, an attorney and Certified Public Accountant, practices tax, business, estate and financial planning law. Brother Blair provides counsel to corporate executives, high net worth individuals and businesses and their owners.

He has extensive experience in the complex tax and wealth preservation situations facing high net worth individuals who are corporate executives or business owners. He represents both individuals and businesses in a broad array

of federal, state and local tax matters and provides advice and representation to clients in tax controversies with the Internal Revenue Service and state and local tax authorities.

Blair represents publicly held, middle-market and start-up companies on a variety of tax savings and business strategies. He has extensive experience in executive compensation and stock option planning, and has advised clients on corporate mergers, acquisitions, dispositions and redemptions.

When it comes to estate and financial planning, Larry has broad experience in advising individuals, families and businesses on developing and implementing creative, tailored strategies designed to preserve wealth. Those planning strategies focus on business succession planning and passing wealth from one generation to the next. He also advises clients on the use of life insurance in estate and financial planning. He regularly consults with clients on retirement planning matters. Larry is also a frequent writer and accomplished speaker, presenting to diverse groups on various technical tax and business topics.

From 1984 to 2001, Brother Blair worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers (formerly Coopers & Lybrand) as a Tax Partner, and currently works as an attorney at Metz Lewis Brodman Must O'Keefe LLC.

His significant accomplishments include Industrial Scientific Corporation – board member, Chairman of the Board for the Red Cross of Pittsburgh, past President of the Pittsburgh Tax Club, Board of Directors for the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, and was recognized as an AV® rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell peer review.

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## Christopher R. McCleary '71

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Brother McCleary, originally from Geneva, Illinois, pledged Beta Nu at age 17, was initiated in 1971, and was elected Grand Master in 1972 based on the election pledge to have a band party every weekend and within 24 hours after being installed as Grand Master, convert the Beta Nu house soda machine to a \$.25 beer machine. Brother McCleary's best memory is successfully having two dates at the same time at one of the Beta Nu band parties.

Currently, Brother McCleary is a Managing Director at Cincinnati based Blue Chip Venture Company where he has served as an investment professional and operating company executive since 1996. During his tenure at Blue Chip, the firm invested in over 100 companies throughout the US.

In his operating role, Brother McCleary founded and was the CEO of Evergreen Assurance, Inc which developed a real time email disaster recovery solution for businesses. Prior to founding Evergreen, Mr. McCleary was the founder, Chairman and CEO of USinternetworking, Inc. Brother McCleary founded USi to deliver the first ever Software-as-a-Service solutions to businesses by building a global network of mission-critical Enterprise Data Centers in North America, Europe, and Asia and offering business software functionality over the Internet. Brother McCleary led USi through a successful IPO a short 14 months after inception and Brother Bob Dole was the key note speaker at the company's launch party. Before launching USi, Mr. McCleary was Chairman and CEO of DIGEX, Incorporated. DIGEX grew from 60 to 600 employees, completed an IPO, and merged into Intermedia Communications, Inc.

In addition to operational roles at Blue Chip Venture, Brother McCleary served on the Board of Directors and as Chairman of Radware, Inc, an Israeli networking technologies company headquartered in Tel Aviv, and several other board of director roles primarily technology focused growth companies.

Brother McCleary is the recipient of the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for software services in the Baltimore – DC region. He was honored as the Washington Post/Newsweek Corporate Citizen of the Year in Washington DC and granted the Annapolis Corporate Leader of Year Award by the City of Annapolis. Brother McCleary made the cover of Forbes Magazine in 1999 as one of the "Forbes EGang" honored as business change agents.

Brother McCleary was appointed by the Governor of Maryland to serve on the Board of Directors of the State of Maryland Venture Capital Fund and the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Investment Committee of the Emerging Technology Center business incubator in the City of Baltimore.

In addition to business and civic activities, Brother McCleary was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Severn School and the Anne Arundel Community College both in Annapolis, Maryland.

Brother McCleary was vetted as a candidate for Maryland Lieutenant Governor by Gubernatorial candidate Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, but did not make the short list due to being a registered Republican in Maryland and issues relating to being a member of Beta Nu from the '70s.

Brother McCleary resides in Annapolis, Maryland, earned his Bachelor of General Studies degree at the University of Kentucky, and is the father of three daughters he raised himself since 2000. His youngest daughter, Caroline, graduated with a Bachelor of Science - Accounting degree in May 2016, is currently an MBA Candidate at the University of Kentucky, is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and, unfortunately, was named as a Sweetheart of Sigma Chi.

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## Roger D. Baird '72

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Roger Baird grew up in Carroll County, Kentucky. He enrolled at the University of Kentucky in 1971 majoring in general studies and pledged Kappa Sigma spring semester 1972. After living one year at the old Haggin Hall dormitory on UK campus it seemed like he was moving into a luxury hotel when he moved into room 208 at 460 Hilltop in the fall of 1973. After serving two semesters as "House Manager" he realized it wasn't exactly luxury but a great place to live. House father and Beta-Nu alumni brother, Babe Kimbrough kept the place going along with our cook Louise. The friendships made through Kappa Sigma became lifelong for Roger. Over the years he has made connections with and stayed in contact with brothers from his college years and there is probably not a day that goes by he doesn't see or call another fraternity brother on the phone.

Roger's business career began in Banking and Consumer Finance in 1976 and continued that path until 1983. In the fall of 1983 he was hired at Harp Enterprises in Lexington. Harp Enterprises was a printing company at that time with strong emphasis on ballot printing of old lever voting machines. In 1999 he was able to become a major shareholder and President and in 2014 leveraged a complete buyout of all the shares. Today the company sells and services high end electronic voting machines certified for federal, state and local elections in 130 counties in Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana.

In 2007 he purchased Software Management based in Louisville. The company is a land records software provider for 76 counties in Kentucky. They provide software for easy access of Mortgage and Deed records in the County Clerk's office and a web based look up system for title searchers.



Baird is a lifelong member of the University of Kentucky Alumni Association and has held board positions at the University of Kentucky's Spindletop Hall, he is also a member of the University of Kentucky Fellows Society. He is currently on the Board of the Blue Grass Council of the Boys Scouts of America and a member of the Lexington Rotary Club.

Roger is married to the former Anne Skees. Anne is a retired Kindergarten teacher. They have two children, and five grandchildren. In his spare time, Brother Baird attends most of the UK football and basketball games. He also plays a round of golf occasionally, but his favorite pastime is playing with and spending time with his grandchildren.

Brother Baird has many fond memories of his times at Beta-Nu. The band parties at the house and the Kappa Sigma Road Rally weekend event. Trips to the Chevy Chase Inn for a game on the bowling machine and Two Keys on Thursday night. He especially remembers the 'lamb roast outing' on Brad Marston's family farm in Franklin County and the left over lamb meat that House Father Babe Kimbrough disguised in every meal we ate that semester.

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## Gary Ulmer '76

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Gary is a lifelong resident of Louisville and is a graduate of St. Xavier High School and the University of Kentucky.

After a 10-year stint as a banker where he was a Vice President in Corporate Banking at Liberty National Bank (now Chase), he became President of the Louisville Bats in 1993.

"My so called 'claim to fame' I guess would be the construction of Louisville Slugger Field and the long term success of the Bats. However, I was just in the right place and the right time and had no idea that it would result in being a fabulous career for me and my family. As Bats president, I have been able to fulfill my desire to actively be involved in the community, to give back and hopefully make a difference."

Brother Ulmer is very active in the community and serves or previously served on many board of directors including The Convention and Visitors Bureau – previous Chairman of the Board, St. Xavier High School – Chairman of the Board,

Louisville Sports Commission – previous Chairman of the Board, Better Business Bureau – previous Chairman of the Board, Boy Scouts, Bellarmine University Board of Trustees, the Louisville Community Foundation, Metro United Way, Salvation Army, Children’s Hospital Foundation, Main Street Associates, Friends of the Waterfront and others. Hobbies include golf and running (previously completed 25 straight Derby Festival mini-marathons).

Gary and his wife Leslye have 3 children, Conrad 21, Olivia 18 and Clark 17.

“I have been very fortunate, quite lucky in all honesty. You can’t pick your family and I certainly have a good one. My parents have always been supportive. My dad taught me the value of hard work, but more importantly stressed that we need to give back to a community that has been very good to our family. I have tried to follow his example in terms of community service.

“My wife Leslye is always there for me and deserves the credit for raising our 3 wonderful children.

“The first important decision in my life was to attend UK and join Kappa Sigma. That decision pointed me in the right direction. As a Kappa Sig, I learned the value of true friendship, a common bond for life. Friends that I can trust and count on when needed. As they say in business, it is better to be lucky than good and I have been real lucky.”

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## Mike Gray '77

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Mike Gray was an outstanding collegiate member at the University of Kentucky. In 1980, he received his BA in Finance and in 1981 he went on to receive his BS in Accounting and became a Certified Public Accountant. He also was awarded the Brohammer Finance Scholarship while in college. Not only was Gray an excellent student, he was also involved in Beta Gamma Sigma Honorary as well as his fraternity, Kappa Sigma. He held the assistant treasurer role at Beta Nu. Since Gray knew where the beer machine key was hidden, he was not allowed to be the actual treasurer. He also held the title of Intramural Doubles Horse-shoe Champion with his pledge brother “Fast” Eddie Hodgins. Importantly, Gray co-authored the now famous “second row” chapter legislation, which space is now physically located inside a campus sushi bar.

Gray's current title is partner at CAPTRUST Financial Advisors. Previously, he was a tax partner at KPMG, as well as SunTrust Senior VP and Merrill Lynch Senior VP.

Out of the many accomplishments, his most honorable achievements include WakeMed Foundation Trustee, University of Kentucky National Alumni Association Board, as well as the Hope School Trustee. In addition, he serves on the Band Together Advisory Board, and was a trustee at North Ridge Country Club and Board President for The Montessori School of Raleigh.

Gray enjoyed his college days so much that he continues his involvement with Kappa Sigma and the university. He founded a Kappa Sigma Alumni Chapter in Greater Cincinnati in 1983 and for many years participated in the University of Kentucky Alumni Association including as the Northern Kentucky Club President. He is an officer of the Beta Nu Housing Corporation.

He currently lives in Raleigh, North Carolina with his UK DZ wife, Susan (Bryant) and dog Millie. His nearly adult kids Addison and Roth are both UK graduates. Addison is a nurse in Louisville while Roth is in technology sales in Lexington and also a member of Kappa Sigma.

When asked if he had any advice for current Kappa Sigma undergraduate members, he writes, "Make smart choices. Or at least try to. You are making life long friends of a type like no others you will ever have. Explore and take careful notes. You will remember these days far into the future even if you were fuzzy at the moment the memory was made".

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## Hank Robinson '77

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After graduating from St. Xavier High School in 1976 Brother Robinson enrolled at the University of Kentucky. He was initiated into Beta-Nu the following year. He graduated in 1979 with a BS in Accounting and continued his education, earning a Juris Doctor from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law in 1983.

Robinson began with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, formerly Coopers and Lybrand, that year and stayed with the company for 19 years as a Tax Partner. In 2002 he moved to Kindred Healthcare, Inc where he held the position of Senior

Vice President, Tax and Treasurer. In 2014 he moved to Humana Inc. where he is now Vice President of Tax.

Brother Robinson has also been involved with his community. He has served on the Norton Healthcare, Inc. Board of Trustees (2001 to present), Treasurer of Keystone Learning Academy (1985-present) and as a Board Member for the Catholic Education Foundation (2014-present).

Hank and Karen have six children, Patrick Sullivan, Kelly Bright, Beth Robinson, Ross Robinson, Sarah Robinson and Michael Robinson

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## Jonathan S. Nalli '94

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Brother Nalli serves as Chief Executive Officer of St. Vincent, Indiana and Senior Vice President, Ascension Health/Indiana Ministry Market Executive. St. Vincent is a 20-hospital system and one of the largest employers in southern Indiana. Founded by the Daughters of Charity in 1881, the St. Vincent Health System is comprised of quaternary facilities; tertiary and critical access hospitals, specialty centers and a multi-specialty physician group. St. Vincent is a leader in medical excellence delivering high quality care in service areas such as cardiovascular, women's health, pediatrics, neurosciences, cancer care, orthopedics, bariatrics and trauma. St. Vincent is also the second largest teaching system in the state. In 2015, St. Vincent was named one of the nation's 15 Top Health Systems by Truven Health Analytics™, a provider of data-driven analytics and solutions aimed at improving the cost and quality of healthcare.

Mr. Nalli came to St. Vincent in 2014, after a 15-year career with Community Health Systems (CHS) where he served as an executive of multiple markets within the national health system. Prior to joining St. Vincent, he served as CEO of a region in northwest Indiana, where he focused on the growth and development of a comprehensive physician network, and oversaw the development of new sites as well as significant capital construction and renovation projects.

Jonathan was named to the Times of Northwest Indiana "20 Under 40" list in 2008. In 2014, he was honored as an "Up & Comer" by Modern Healthcare – the leader in healthcare business news, research and data. Honorees are recognized as the industry's rising stars that have made significant contributions in the areas of healthcare

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administration, management or policy. In addition, he was inducted into the University of Kentucky College of Health Sciences Hall of Fame.

Brother Nalli graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Health Sciences in Health Administration and earned his MBA from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He currently serves on many boards, including Advantage Health Solutions, Inc. (Board Member), Drexel University (College of Medicine Advisory Board Member), Indiana Hospital Association (Board Member), Indiana Health Information Exchange (Board Member), Indiana Chamber (Board Member), Indianapolis Coalition for Patient Safety (Board Member), Little Sisters of the Poor (Advisory Board Member), Marian University (Board Member), Suburban Health Organization (Board Member), University of Kentucky (MHA Board of Advisors), and United Way of Central Indiana (Board Member).

He and his wife, Cathleen, reside in Zionsville with their three children, Jonathan, Delaney and Hadley.



*"The Star and Crescent shall not be  
worn by every man, but only by him who  
is worthy to wear it.*

*He must be a gentleman...  
a man of honor and courage...  
a man of zeal, yet humble...  
an intelligent man...  
a man of truth...*

*one who tempers action with wisdom  
and, above all else, one who walks  
in the light of God."*

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