



ETA SURVEY

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A Letter from the **Alumni President**



Brothers,

I come to you at the conclusion of a transformational year. As a reminder, after two years of diligently working with our advisors to get the house leased, we were unsuccessful and as shared during the process, we did close on the sale of the house.

For Eta Chapter, this is a new phase of our story ... It is not the end of our story. The board intends to continue meeting remotely by video call each quarter. The board has already decided to maintain our biannual communications (The Eta Survey) and work with volunteers to hold alumni events and gatherings. Save the date for next August when we will work with the National Fraternity to host an alumni reception in conjunction with the National Convention.

We have one board position open, which we hope to fill in the next few months. If you have interest in helping as a volunteer, please let me know at michael.kolberg@gmail.com.

We will continue to work with the National Office team to select a time and structure to restore the chapter in the next few years. Part of that work will ultimately involve a conversation regarding the type of lodge or housing/meeting space that makes sense in today's student life world.

As a closing consideration, we intend to continue our important annual fund program to support communications and event planning and implementation. Please consider supporting Eta as we transition into the next phase of our story.

Fraternally,

Mike Kolberg '03
Alumni Corporation President

KΔP

While Closed, How Do We Handle Endowed Scholarships?

Most alumni may recall our chapter has a handful of endowed scholarships to benefit undergraduate KΔPs in the Eta Chapter. Some of the scholarships are distributable to undergraduate KDR's from any chapter while others provide that for a period of time the distribution is re-invested and if, after four years, the chapter remains closed then they become distributable. Specifically, for a prescribed period of time, the income distribution will be added to the principal balance of the endowment. If the chapter is still closed after four years, then the scholarships will be made available to undergraduate members of KΔP, regardless of chapter.

WE NEED YOU!



Eta Chapter needs volunteers

- a. Alumni board member
- b. Annual meeting/Homecoming volunteer
- c. Alumni update reception next August in Chicago (coordinating with the National Office)

Here's How You Can Stay Involved

We are committed to keeping our alumni community connected and engaged. Whether it's through regular updates, networking opportunities, or future events, we want to ensure the spirit of brotherhood lives on.

- Update your contact information so we can keep you informed. Log on to our website: kdrillinois.org.
- Consider serving on the alumni advisory committee to help guide the restart process.
- Share your ideas for how we can maintain momentum during this transition.

Save the Date

National Convention in Chicago

August of 2026

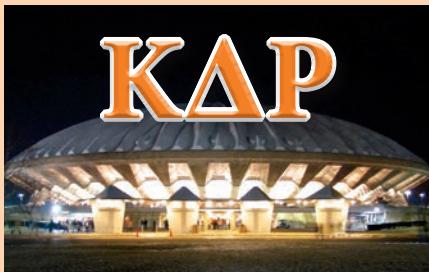
Details will be shared as they become available





OFFICIAL WEBSITE

www.kdrillinois.org



Click on the link and register to use the KΔP UIL website. Update your contact information, search for your classmates, suitemates, and search by location. If traveling, look up brothers who are in the area.

Leave A Legacy

Consider a lasting gift that will support Kappa Delta Rho long after you are gone. By including Eta in your estate plans, you ensure the long-term health and success of our fraternity. Here's what you and/or your advisor might need to know: Most common ways to include Eta are through your will or life insurance. Sample language: I leave the sum of (\$xxxxxx.xx or xx% of my estate) to: Eta Building Association of Kappa Delta Rho tax id # (37-6048873) c/o the National fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho, P.O. Box 777, Latrobe, PA 15650, for their general purposes.*

**This information is not presented as legal or tax advice. Always consult your advisors for questions you may have.*

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Additional Director Position Currently Available

This Could Be YOU! Contact Mike Kolberg '03 at michael.kolberg@gmail.com.

Support for Eta Chapter

Our voluntary alumni donations have been a reliable source of funds for our brotherhood, helping us to meet our annual costs of the Eta Chapter website, mailings, alumni events, etc. Now, more than ever before, we are counting on alumni donations to help us through. If your situation at all permits, we ask you to make a contribution, today. You can pay your dues securely at kdrillinois.org/eta-annual-fund or by mail in the enclosed envelope.



Chapter Eternal

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the following Eta brothers:

Paul Sisco '50

February 5, 2023

Bill Koelm '64

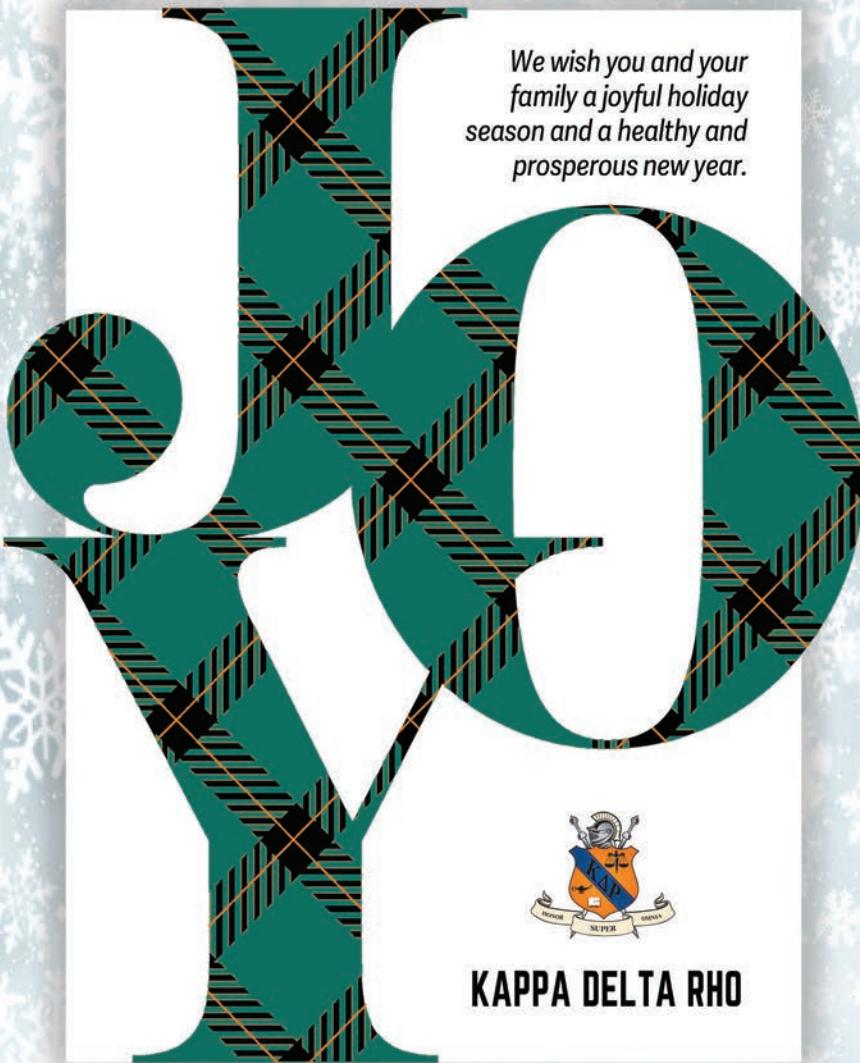
May 26, 2024

Thomas Montgomery '67

December 16, 2024

Alexander Enskat '14

April 12, 2024



Why Leave A Legacy With the Chapter Currently Closed?

Many may recall the old adage: the best time to plant a new tree is today. None of us knows when our estate will mature. None of us know the day or year that the chapter will be recolonized. What we do know is the day will likely come where we have to support a newly formed chapter with competitive housing. When that day comes, it is very likely the board will have to consider what housing

looks like at that time (whether residential or a meeting/lodge style). What is certain is we will need resources to meet the needs of the day. That's where we, as alumni, have the ability to step up and plan for the future.

If you or your advisor have questions please contact **Bill Paris, Eta '87** at bparis@elevateims.com; 404-441-9630.

Update Your E-mail

We want you to be in the loop! Please confirm we have a good email for you. We periodically send electronic updates, reminders, and good wishes at the holidays. This saves time and money, and keeps you informed. To check your information, go to kdrillinois.org and log in. You can view and update your contact information there.

Alumni News

KAPs at
Magician Lake

Robert W. Sullivan '60

Retired Lt. Col. USAF 1980, Nellis AFB, retired professor of engineering in Ohio and Nevada, and retired Las Vegas Valley Water District director of operations 2002. I've been married to Mary since February 1960. We have two kids, five grandkids and three great grandkids. I turned 87 this fall and I'm still going "semi strong," no major health issues, several minor.

Joseph Sonsini '77

I am a veteran of the US Air Force. Over 40 years ago, I met my wife Sandra while stationed in the Boston area. I still reside in Massachusetts and have been working as a systems security engineer.

Don Russell '70 reports: We annually go to the Maloney's lake house on Magician Lake in Michigan. Next May, we are all going on an Alaskan cruise; **Bill Haag** and his wife will join us.

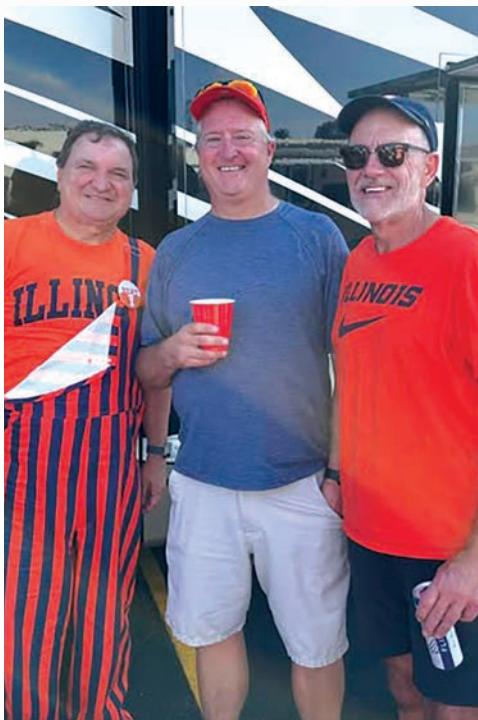


Pictured: Don Russell, Mike Panice, Bob Nespechal, Al Tunkel, and Joe Maloney.



Bill Paris '87 and Greg Tiberend '84 met up in Athens, Greece.

Homecoming



Have Alumni News?

We want to hear from you! Send your personal updates, accomplishments, adventures, and photos to our account manager **Dorothy Wysocki** at dwysocki@elevateims.com, or simply fill the enclosed news form and return it in the mail. We want to share it in the next issue of *The Eta Survey*!



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