



# the *Kap Key*

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NEWSLETTER OF THE KAPPA ALPHA SOCIETY

## OUR SOCIETY: A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

How does an organization remain in continued existence for 192 years? And how does the same organization continue to do so? The Kappa Alpha Society is a special organization and, as any organization, needs to remain competitive to ensure its continued success.

But how? What are the goals we have set? Our success and growth will be determined by the goals we set and the action we take to achieve them. The Society is always looking for ways to grow and improve. We must continue to recruit strong pledge classes. Our challenge is to continue developing leaders from these classes, who, in turn, will be leaders in society and The Society. Being a Kap is about more than just the undergraduate experience and the camaraderie of the brotherhood; it is a lifelong commitment to our value and ideals.

### HOW, IN THE CURRENT SOCIAL CLIMATE, CAN OUR SOCIETY GROW AND PROSPER?

- More alumni involvement to better support our active members.
- Help by networking with new graduates.
- Improved communications.
- Financial support to allow chapters to redirect their focus on the important areas of operation like rush,

alumni relations, social programming, and inter-chapter travel.

Throughout our long history, the high standards set by the founding fathers continue to inspire students to want to be part of our unique organization. Our undergraduates are the backbone of our Society. They hold our chapters together. During the 2017–2018 academic year, we welcomed 88 new brothers to the Society. Our students are a wonderfully diverse group of young men who hail from various parts of the globe. They are athletes, musicians, philanthropists, scholars, and volunteers. But most of all, they are brothers.

Our chapters face a decision as to how to move forward to provide the best fraternal experience, to instill a sense of brotherhood, and to provide a leadership experience. Today's students must look beyond the walls of their chapter houses, recognize societal expectations have changed, and become engaged and involved with the community around them.

Alumni need to be more pro-active in the continued success of their chapters. Showing up for the occasional reunion, dinner, or special event does not instill a sense of brotherhood between the students and alumni. Alumni need to volunteer their time and financial support to the chapter. How? By being engaged. Sign up to be a mentor to provide career support; provide an internship. Local alumni might choose to host a gathering of the local chapter as a way of staying in touch. Times change; the alumni need to know times change, but the students have to know their actions directly impact the financial support the alumni are willing to give.

The Society continues to look for ways to

grow and to develop. Kappa Alpha was and remains a central component to our college experience and helped make each of us who we are today. The Society has provided generations of students with a supportive environment, learning experiences outside the class room, leadership opportunities, and friendships. Today, the opportunity to provide the same value and experience to our current actives is just as relevant and necessary as it has been for the past 192 years.

With this edition of *The Kap Key*, you'll find a gift form and envelope enclosed, even if you've already contributed during the 2017–'18 fiscal year. Every individual contribution truly makes a difference. Dues paid to The Executive Council of The Kappa Alpha Society help us to provide actives and alumni members with programs and activities that cannot be supported by the Foundation under IRS tax-deductible guidelines. You can make secure online-payments at [www.ka.org](http://www.ka.org).

### HOW CAN YOU HELP? VOLUNTEER!

We are looking for volunteers willing to help; provide content for the website and the newsletter; be a mentor to a student; provide advice to current undergraduate officers; consider volunteering your time to make our chapters stronger.

Our Society is a living, breathing, ongoing entity. It is more than just the past; it is the present as well. It is upon that present—certainly defined by its past—that the future of KA depends.

Thank you to all the alumni who give generously and annually to ensure the continuation and vibrancy of our traditions, values, and organizational assets.

Please feel free to call me or to send me an email to discuss the direction and progress of The Kappa Alpha Society.

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## Save the Dates...

### CONCILIUM

September 22, 2018 :: Hobart College & CH Chapter, Geneva, New York

### UPCOMING ALUMNI REUNION WEEKENDS

October 19–20, 2018 :: CC Chapter, Schenectady, New York

November 2–3, 2018 :: VT Chapter, Toronto, Ontario

November 16–17, 2018 :: VOO Chapter, London, Ontario

Nov. 30–Dec. 1, 2018 :: CH Chapter, Geneva, New York

February 22–23, 2019 :: VM Chapter, Montreal, Quebec

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# JOHN HART HUNTER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.

## REPORT FROM JAMES L. GOLDMAN, VC '81, VP '86

Fraternities continue to be a focal point for reactions against undesirable behaviors on college campuses, ranging from alcohol and drug abuse to sexual misconduct and others. The reason is neither hidden nor mysterious; fraternities (and sororities) concentrate social interaction and thereby tend to be the places around which bad social behaviors are often found in greater concentration.

However, it is vitally important to note that because fraternities (and sororities) are the nexuses of social interaction, those are exactly the places where exemplary *good* social behavior is also to be found. This point is often lost on critics of Greek life, or one that they would rather ignore.

To believe that non-Greek college students are immune to the pressures of drugs and alcohol or that they never misbehave and always perform well academically is at best naive, but more typically harmfully misleading. The opponents of Greek life would have the world believe that, if only fraternities and sororities were banished from college campuses, virtually all troubles facing young college students today would disappear. This is again a naive and misleading understanding.

It can be left only to us, those who have enjoyed the benefits and understood the advantages of the kind of support that KA provides, to tell the story of how we got so much more out of our college years by being members of Kappa Alpha. Each of us needs to articulate to those who would do

away with Greek life the counterpoint: that fraternities and sororities do not hold any monopoly on bad behavior, but rather that these groups provide the atmosphere and programs that cultivate leadership, cooperation, and personal interaction—traits that just don't magically materialize on their own.

As I visit each of our chapters and have the opportunity to meet with our active chapter members at their houses and at our annual leadership conference, I continue to be impressed by their achievements, talents, and future prospects. Our Foundation's annual scholarship award program highlights the best of those achievements and tells the story of how Kappa Alpha is a terrific example of the wonderful benefits that we derive from fraternal involvement. To be sure, our actives sometimes fall prey to the temptations facing all students of their generation, and they do get into trouble occasionally. But I am sure that their missteps are not as frequent nor as harmful as might be the case otherwise, at least in part thanks to the supportive structure and programs that KA provides.

This is where you come in: your donations support running the annual leadership conference, and your participation brings to the table the long-term historical perspective that is needed to keep the Society's practices and customs consistent.

You *do* make a difference. Your gift will have an impact, and will support all of the terrific students in KA today and in

the future. Use the enclosed envelope to mail your check, or donate online through the Society's web site at [www.ka.org](http://www.ka.org).

As you know, The John Hart Hunter Educational Foundation, Inc., has been designated in the US as a 501(c)(3), public, charitable, and educational organization, and your contributions are fully tax-deductible for US taxpayers only to the full extent allowed by law as a charitable contribution. Your contribution might well qualify for matching funds from your employer. The Foundation, an independent entity affiliated with the Society, makes financial grants to support exclusively educational and charitable programs that benefit Kaps, our chapters, and the collegiate world at large.

In addition to your financial contribution, which is essential and greatly appreciated, you can also get involved with the alumni group supporting your chapter or with The Executive Council, which supports the entire Society. Our undergraduates are uniformly appreciative of the time given by alumni volunteers.

We offer profound thanks to those alumni who have financially supported the Foundation through their contributions. If you have not yet, or not recently, supported our efforts, we invite you to join this renewal of enthusiasm and generosity toward Kappa Alpha. Please do support our important work; it is making a difference.

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### Support our Programs

Through your financial support and personal involvement, we have improved our communications, provided funds to encourage interchapter participation to events, and provided scholarship awards. These alumni-funded scholarships, presented annually, are awarded to those actives whose efforts have strengthened KA in the areas of chapter improvements, campus leadership, community service, and alumni relations.

Our national website continues to expand. All are encouraged to explore this deep resource at [www.ka.org](http://www.ka.org). You'll find opportunities for social networking, a chance to connect with old friends, historical tidbits, and information about upcoming social events. Take a moment to log on and review and update your contact information. Let us know where you are and what you are doing!

*The Kap Key:* We are, at our roots, a literary society. Let's celebrate our roots through creative expression from the current membership. Please help out, send us your creative observations and your passionate dreams, and so live up to the spirit of KA.

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# KAPS CELEBRATE THE 160<sup>TH</sup> NYC DINNER: JANUARY 26, 2018

In a great and continuing Kappa Alpha tradition, a large turnout of alumni and undergraduates gathered for this year's 160<sup>th</sup> New York City Dinner, held at the Princeton Club on January 26, 2018. Executive Council President John H.F. Enteman, CG'72, warmly welcomed all of the alumni, undergrads, and guests attending this year's festivities. Each of our active chapters was represented.

The enthusiasm and party spirit at the dinner was evident by the singing, which increased in volume as each table of Kaps stood and "raised their glasses"! Still, a gentlemanly decorum was maintained throughout the highly entertaining evening. Clearly, a good time was had by all.

After a delicious filet-mignon dinner, Dr. James L. Goldman, VC'81, VP'86, President of The John Hart Hunter Educational Foundation, Inc., took center stage. As has been done in the past, a

small group of outstanding undergraduate students was honored as recipients of The John Hart Hunter Educational Foundation, Inc., Scholarship Awards Program for the 2017-'18 academic year. The JHHEF scholarships are awarded annually to students demonstrating exemplary academic performance (grades), community service, and leadership in Kappa Alpha activities. Dr. Goldman had the pleasure of describing the talents and accomplishments of each of these wonderful young men and presenting each with his award check. Kudos to the eleven scholarship award recipients for representing the best in KA!

After the dinner's conclusion, both alumni and undergrads extended the festivities by sampling the liquid refreshments offered at a number of nearby establishments, making the trip to New York by many truly an evening to be remembered.



*VP alumni and undergraduates enjoying the festivities (photo by Doug Stives, VL'68).*



*University of Toronto contingent (photo by Doug Stives, VL'68).*



*Lehigh contingent.*



*Dalhousie contingent.*



*Western Ontario contingent (photo by Doug Stives, VL'68).*



*A group of CC actives and alumni with brothers from other chapters, gathered for a picture.*



*Congratulations...*

to The John Hart Hunter Educational Foundation, Inc.,  
Scholarship Award Recipients for 2017-2018

Henry Wells Daly, VL'19	Naji Osmat, VM'18
Sergio Colin Dempsey, VOO'18	Hiroki Park, VP'18
Justin Douglas Hancock, VOO'18	Nathan Alan Postma, VT'18
Peter Randall Janson, VD'20	Gabriel Rincon, VM'19
Tianjian Kong, CC'20	Michael Macsie Tancsa Switzer, VT'19
Nicholas Anthony Lomma, VL'19	

*(photo by Doug Stives, VL'68)*

# KEITH LAWRENCE, VT'83, JOINS JHHE(C)F BOARD

We are pleased to welcome Keith M. Lawrence, VT'83, as a new board member to The John Hart Hunter Educational (Canada) Foundation.

As many readers know, the focus of JHHE(Canada)F is to provide financial support in the form of scholarships and grants to students attending Canadian universities and colleges. Your generous contributions demonstrate your commitment to this nascent foundation as we continue to grow and develop the financial support necessary to become a viable source of scholarship support for Canadian students. Supporting an organization dedicated to the history, literary values, and scholarship of our Canadian chapters is highly encouraged.

Before 2012, there was no tax benefit arising from contributions by Canadian alumni. However, the Foundation received official charitable status from the Canada Revenue Agency on January 5, 2012, and all contributions to JHHE(Canada)F now qualify for full charitable tax credit under Canadian law. Canadians are now eligible for tax incentives when supporting this scholarship program.

Since November 1, 2012, our Canadian Foundation has received \$36,615 in contributions. With more than 1,998 Canadian alumni, I encourage all to directly support our actives. Please consider a generous gift to our Canadian Foundation. Contributions can be made directly online through The Kappa Alpha Society website ([www.ka.org](http://www.ka.org)) by clicking on the "Give to the JHHE(Canada)F" link. A Canadian tax receipt will be provided to you by mail.

Lastly, it is with sadness that we report the loss of Director Robert J. Bourdieu, VC'61, VT'66, VM'67, a founding director of The John Hart Hunter Educational (Canada) Foundation, who passed away on April 10, 2018.

YITB, Michael E. Mestinsek, VA'93

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## KEITH MICHAEL LAWRENCE, VT'83



Colonel (retired) Keith M. Lawrence is an automated systems, transportation, and logistics leader in his business life, particularly with American and international companies. He is a former senior officer in the Canadian military. As an infantry officer, Keith served in Europe, the

Near East, the Middle East, Africa, and Afghanistan with the United Nations and NATO. He is an officer of the Order of St. John and the recipient of the United States Army Commendation Medal and the Republic of France National Defence Medal, as well as Canadian honours. A life-long learner, Keith possesses a BA (honours) in international relations from the University of Toronto, a Master of Arts in history from McGill University, a Master of Business Administration from the Rotman School of Business, the University of Toronto, and a Master of Defence Studies from The Royal Military College of Canada. He is married with twin daughters, enjoying life in Port Credit, Ontario, Canada.

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## SUPPORTING KAPPA ALPHA MADE SIMPLE

Over the past few years, it has become obvious that many of our brothers are uncertain as to how to direct their generosity and best support our initiatives. This little guide should help you to focus your giving priorities to best support our effective efforts.

### CONTRIBUTE TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE KAPPA ALPHA SOCIETY

The monies you donate to The Kappa Alpha Society go directly into our programs to promote and support chapter growth, provide funds for travel reimbursement, and pay for our communication programs and website.

### THE JOHN HART HUNTER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC. (U.S.)

Contributions to JHHEF, Inc., are tax deductible for US federal tax purposes, as the organization is designated as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable entity. Donations to JHHEF, Inc., might qualify for corporate matching gift programs. The Foundation established and continues its annual scholarship awards through these contributions. Furthermore, the Foundation supports the leadership of Kappa Alpha's active chapters by sponsoring an annual series of educational seminars and exercises attended by chapter officers.

### THE JOHN HART HUNTER EDUCATIONAL (CANADA) FOUNDATION

To provide KA alumni living in Canada with the opportunity to make a gift that qualifies for the Canadian charity credit, The John Hart Hunter Educational (Canada) Foundation received official recognition as a registered charity and is on its way to being able to award scholarships to students attending Canadian colleges or universities.

### TESTAMENTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Consider naming KA as a beneficiary as a component of your estate planning. Be sure to see your tax adviser.

### KA IN CC CHAPTER REPORT

The CC boys whose pipes are lit have been very busy in the past year! The chapter has grown to a hearty 20 members, with one more on the way! Twenty actives is a high-water mark in our recent history, and we are excited and determined to grow even more, especially as we move into our new on-campus Lodge! More on that to come. Two a++oi were brought in at the glorious new Lodge of the VD chapter in Halifax, requiring a bit of a harrowing drive through a nor'easter, but all arrived safely, and we had a wonderful time at a beautifully run s++g! One more a++os was brought in at VP right in the middle of finals week, and we are waiting to bring in one more, most likely at the CH s++g.

After much hard work by the late S+l and G++s, we were awarded the opportunity to move into Davidson North, opposite our former Lodge in Davidson South. As a chapter, we discussed the benefits and disadvantages of moving from our small off-campus Lodge to a large seventeen-bed abode on campus. Although we would be giving up the autonomy that is inherent in off-campus housing, the opportunity to make KA a better-known name on campus again, to bring in even more new brothers, and, in general, to return CC to its former splendor on campus was too big an opportunity to turn down. We are working closely with the Greek Office to make this transition as smooth as possible. They are eager to have us back on campus! Alumni from CC and from a multitude of other nearby chapters have shown incredible support in offering to provide furniture, art, and anything that will make the Lodge as KA as possible. We are very grateful for all of the support!

We at the CC Chapter have stayed active on and off campus with our philanthropy. On campus, we held Poetry at the Nott every term. Our brothers came to read a diverse set of poetry and writing, from rap to poems read in German and Chinese. We had a great turnout of faculty from many departments, as well as students from every major. Union's UCALL, the academy for lifelong learning, also attended and read some very memorable pieces. We continued to show our support of Vale cemetery, helping to rake leaves, pull weeds, and much more. Dr. Bernie McEvoy, the president

of the Vale board, is gracious enough to allow us access to the private Union lots, and we try to show as much support as possible to repay him for the privilege.

Brothers participated in Calvin Toll Day, a school-wide day of service, during which every organization on campus comes together to help the local Schenectady community. This year, brothers worked to remove weeds and trash from road medians in a local neighborhood. Brothers also attended Skate for Alex, an event benefiting epilepsy research. Many brothers donated to the cause, and our chapter made a donation as well.

We have a tradition of attending every s++g, and this year will not be an exception. We attended the VM, VD, VP, and VL s++gs this winter and spring. We also attended the New York Dinner, where A++os Edward Kong, CC'20, was awarded a John Hart Hunter Scholarship. Our chapter also earned five stars on the "Chapter of Excellence" report put out by the Union College Greek Life administration. This highlights the level of academic achievement of our brothers, as well as our continued good behavior as a Union fraternity.

The coming months will surely be a turning point in CC history as we prepare to move back on campus. We are very excited to build a new foundation for coming generations of Kaps in the newly revitalized CC chapter. The continued support of the alumni, undergrads, and The Executive Council will propel us into a future of even greater brotherhood. The seven senior brothers who will be graduating this spring will be remembered for their tremendous effort in gaining us the opportunity to move into an on-campus Lodge. They will also be remembered for the truly unique and wonderful atmosphere they fostered at CC, which we hope can be carried on into the future. It will be sad to see them go, but we know they are going out into the world to spread their cheer, knowledge, and qualities of brotherhood to all they meet.

Here's to the future of CC and KA as a whole. Ray! Ray! Ray! Long Live K.A.!

Blair Hagen, S+l in CC'19

### KA IN CH CHAPTER REPORT

It is with great pride and pleasure that I am able to report the academic,

social, and philanthropic successes of KA in CH this past academic year. We continue to thrive and prosper as a group of strapping young men committed to achievement and integrity. It is no surprise that we continually attract bright-eyed, well-rounded individuals who are eager to join the S++ B++. Here at CH, we are 39 active members strong, with our current seniors, juniors, fall sophomore class, and recently n++ f++ spring sophomore class. We hail from all corners of the world and all walks of life. We are deeply involved in a wide variety of academic disciplines, varsity athletics, and clubs. By having active members with such diverse backgrounds and interests, we at CH are able to learn from each other so that we can lead more impactful and meaningful lives and so that we can more positively impact the communities that we find ourselves in today and in the future.

In the classroom, the members of KA in CH continue to uphold the high standard that has been set by Kaps of years past. We have several intelligent young men who are current members of the Hobart College dean's list, as well as members who are a part of the prestigious honors societies on campus. For the fifth year in a row, CH has received the Fraternal Academic Achievement award for holding the highest collective GPA among fraternities on campus. Academics is one of the most important aspects of life to us here at CH. We boast scholars who study everything from computer engineering and philosophy to biology and economics.

At CH, we have continually displayed our ability to better the Hobart College community and the surrounding Geneva, New York, area. CH members planted 2,977 small American flags on the hill of our beautiful quad to honor those who lost their lives during the September 11 terrorist attacks. Also during the fall semester, CH held its third annual two-on-two basketball tournament to support and benefit our dear friend, Charles Ruehl, CH'16, who battles a rare degenerative muscular disease. We were able to raise over \$3,000 to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. More than 20 teams competed in the tournament on our backyard court, and close to 150 spectators came to watch  
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the games and support the cause. CH members also participated in HWS's Days of Service and volunteered their time during Relay for Life, for America Reads, and for Geneva Heroes.

As we steer our starry vessel through the ever expanding cosmos, I can't help but to take a moment and step back so that I might realize the true impact that KA has had on my life. This is where I found my best friends, where I go when I need support, and where I make memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life. It took me very little time to realize one simple fact: that CH is and always will be a place of comfort, support, and most importantly, enjoyment.

Y.I.T.B.,  
Max Barsh, CH'19

## KA IN VT CHAPTER REPORT

KA in VT is proud to announce another fantastic year, both inside and outside the walls of our Lodge. This year, the VT chapter was proud to open its doors to alumni and undergrads from all chapters of KA for our 125<sup>th</sup> Alumni Weekend, marking one and a quarter centuries of glory brought to U of T, allowing for only 67 years of complete misery on campus before our lady's light was brought north of the border.

VT boasts the induction of ten new members into our bonds, all of whom have shown enthusiasm and active participation toward the weekly activities of our chapter.

Kaps in VT this year graced undergrads of other chapters with our presence at KA related events outside of Toronto, including Concilium, CH and VM alumni weekends, and of course, the annual New York City Dinner.

The active members have been proud to embark upon international expeditions, with Zachary Medeiros, VT'19, embarking upon an exchange opportunity in Shanghai, China. He would have graced the city with his VT excellence for the year, however the quality of food forced his return to Toronto after one semester. Jonathan Kirsh, VT'20, will be embarking on the far land of Argentina for a Spanish language exchange this coming fall, where he will undoubtedly boost the quality of disco in the nation.

With the ending of the school year comes the sad inevitable departure of our graduating brothers. However, they are on to display VT excellence in a variety of endeavours. Conor Finan will be completing his Navy training and representing his country on the great seas. Anthony Piruzza, having declined an offer to Harvard Law, will be attending NYU this coming fall and will undoubtedly impress there with his cunning intellect and, of course, his never failing charm. James Thuch Madhier is pleased to continue his endeavors with his non-profit Rainmaker Enterprise, which seeks to bring water and food security to sub-Saharan Africa through the implementation of solar-powered drip irrigation technology. The Rainmaker Enterprise is proud to kick off its fundraising endeavors on June 2, during a "Water for Peace" event with internationally renowned artists performing and keynote speeches from multiple notable members of the humanitarian community.

Finally, it is with great sadness and greater relief that I pass the reigns of our chapter on to another generation of VT Kaps and another executive. I'm sure whoever takes charge will continue to lead our ship to treasure, buried deep at the bottom of the Atlantic. Long Live KA in VT!

Robert Sarty, VT'19

## KA IN VL CHAPTER REPORT

It is my pleasure and honor to update my fellow a++oi regarding some of the new changes being implemented here at The Kappa Alpha Society at Lehigh University. In the spring semester, KA in VL initiated 25 new members to the Society. This has been the largest new-member class for the chapter in the past few years. We are very excited to have all of them with us, and we look forward to their contributions to KA in VL and to The Kappa Alpha Society as a whole.

Throughout the entire 2017–2018 academic year, the brothers of KA in VL had worked hard to organize new philanthropy events, develop personal leadership skills around campus, and improve facilities management within the VL Lodge. Full reports of these accomplishments are detailed in the annual Kappa Alpha Society Accreditation

Report, which was submitted to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs in April 2018. This report comprises five main developmental subcategories for every chapter: intellectual development, organizational development, community development, leadership development, and facilities management.

In the area of facilities management, the brothers of The Kappa Alpha Society wanted to change the mentality of the house as a whole. After falling victim to a short bout of early-semester laziness, we were pressured by the university to work harder to keep the Lodge in top shape. To do this, we actively began to ensure that all areas of the Lodge were clean and that all of our members would contribute to that cleanliness. Since then, we have seen the Lodge cleaner this semester than it has been in years.

A very slight decrease in GPA was noticed in the grade reports from the fall 2017 semester to the spring 2018 semester, but it can be attributed to various factors. This concern has been addressed to brothers, and we have installed new improvements, such as an academic council and brother-mentors to help brothers be more successful in the classroom. For those interested, an updated grade report for spring 2018 was available at the end of the semester.

Over the course of the 2017–2018 year, the KA brothers also participated in various philanthropy and community service events. We completed one major on-campus philanthropy event, Pi Day. The Pi Day event was co-hosted with Pi Beta Phi and benefited children's literacy. Being that KA is a literary society, the accreditation committee commended us for hosting an event based around our fraternal values. We also coordinated the first KASino Night with the sisters of Kappa Delta. Additionally, we worked on many other events, including Relay for Life and several fund raisers for Crohn's Disease.

The 2017–2018 academic year was progressive for the VL Chapter in many aspects. We have continued the practices that have made VL successful in years past but also have implemented new initiatives to better help our chapter give back to the surrounding Bethlehem and Lehigh communities, as well as to The Kappa Alpha Society. Some of these new initiatives include writing a set of by-laws, a disciplinary code, a

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new risk-management policy, and a new housing policy, as well as developing a chapter mission statement. We hope to continue building upon these improvements in the upcoming year and for years to come at KA in VL.

Y.I.T.B.,  
David Mancuso, VL'20

## KA IN VM CHAPTER REPORT

The past 12 months have proved to be another outstanding year for the activities of KA in VM. During the summer, T++s Gabriel Rincon served with the UN International Commission Against Corruption and Impunity in Columbia. PPII Lucius Hatherly completed a research fellowship in solid-state chemistry, awarded by the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council, and will be listed as a coauthor in a forthcoming paper. Nirav Sahani worked as a consultant with Deloitte, and G++s William Lundy scored in the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile of the LSAT on his first attempt.

During the fall, the VM boys were active in a number of philanthropic initiatives. PPI Ronnie Vincelli helped organize the second annual Déjeun'aide, a fundraising breakfast and networking event for students, young professionals, and leaders from various fields, including law, medicine, finance, AI, and



VM contingent at 2018 VD Reunion (left-right): T++s Gabriel Rincon, S+l Harrison Rea, G++s William Lundy.



VM Kaps at VT Alumni Reunion, fall 2017 (left-right): Harrison Rea, Conor Kenney, Rishav Aikat, Jesse Mackay.

marketing, which successfully raised \$62,000 for the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation this year. Julian Grego participated in the Capitalize for KIDS conference in Toronto to help raise funds for children's mental health. Rishav Aikat also began serving as a mentor for elementary school students through Homework Zone, a program organized by the McGill Social Equity and Diversity Group.

The VM boys also had a very active spring semester. Julian Grego won third place finance team at the Jeux du Commerce at the John Molson School of Business. Alexandre Monnier won the McGill Policy Association's inaugural policy case competition, and Andrew Young starred in the English department's production of the play *Blood Relations*. During his internship with MLG Blockchain Consulting, A++s Evan Brown organized a nation-wide case competition, Canada's Next Top Blockchain Exec, which was hosted in Toronto at the end of March. Kabir Sethi also founded Blockchain at McGill and is currently working with the government, Microsoft, IBM, Cisco and other companies to organize a programming hackathon in Montreal. Nirav Sahani, who helped co-author the book *Compendium: Management Cases from Emerging Markets*, completed another book, *London Diaries*, due to be published in June, and was appointed producer for the podcast show *CEO Series*, whose recent interviewees include the prime minister of Canada, the dean of Harvard Medical School, and the founder of Infosys.

Throughout the year, the VM activities demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. T++s Gabriel Rincon was awarded both the William MacDonald Scholarship and the Manfredi Scholarship. Julian Grego is graduating on the dean's list and won the Centre Desjardins Scholarship in Corporate Financial Management. A number of essays written by Rishav Aikat were also published in the McGill undergraduate philosophy journal.

Our s++g on February 23–24 was a great success. We welcomed four outstanding n++ f++ into the S++y B++d, and we were also delighted to have the participation of 62 a++oi at dinner, including VM alumni who travelled from California and Hong Kong in order to attend.

I believe the four individuals we have welcomed into KA in VM so far this year will all prove to be truly outstanding Kaps. Max Segal is a third-year computer science and international development student from Washington, DC, who will be interning at *Slate* magazine this summer and has been offered an internship with the US State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Rights, and Labor, starting next September. Jamie Barkway is a first-year arts student from Royal St-George's College with a passion for song-writing and the guitar. Naoll Degife is a second-year political science student from Vancouver who plays on the varsity lacrosse team and made it to the semi-finals of the Baggataway Cup this fall. And Kevin Reynolds is a second-year English major from Massachusetts who aspires to become a writer.

We are very happy for the several VM a++oi who are graduating this year and moving on to greater things, although we will be sad to see them leave. S+l Harrison Rea will be pursuing graduate studies in philosophy and religion and has also started writing a book of poems. Julian Grego is graduating in honours finance and is currently a CFA level-II candidate and will be pursuing a career in finance. In addition, PPI Ronnie Vincelli will be studying law in Montreal next year, and Adhiraj Singh has been accepted to the MBA program at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, which accepts 400 out of 200,000 applicants every year.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve as an officer this year and to be a member of the S++y B++d. The mirth and philosophical discussions at our weekly c++ns have been a welcome respite from the constant work of the academic year, and through KA, I have been able to meet many extraordinary individuals whose friendships I shall cherish for many years to come.

Long Live KA, and Long Live KA in VM!

Y.I.T.B.,  
William Lundy, VM'18

## KA IN VP CHAPTER REPORT

The 2017–2018 academic year was a fantastic one for Pennsylvania Beta Chapter of KA. During our fall semester, we added three new members, and we added another four in the spring semester. Our  
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annual alumni reunion weekend took place in the middle of March, bringing in a fantastic turnout from both the graduated a++oi of the Pennsylvania Beta Chapter and a healthy attendance of members from other chapters.

This past year, we took great steps forward in our social functions, academics, and philanthropic efforts. KA in VP has continued to expand its philanthropic arm, bolstering our participation in the annual Colleges Against Cancer event, Relay For Life. This academic year, we had strong donations and a competitive ranking in the fund-raising drive among other Greek organizations on campus, thanks to the contributions of a++oi Nick Dante and Matthew Cartwright, Matthew being among the top contributors across the school. In a new venture, A++os Ritwik Bhatia, in his capacity as social chair, put together a fantastic open-mic night, Fall Fest, in order to raise money for the musical education charity Play on Philly! Thanks to the contributions of a++oi organizing, as well as all the attendees, we were able to give a sizable donation to a great cause.

The brothers of the Pennsylvania Beta Chapter continue to excel academically, with a++oi participating in a wide variety of scholastic-honors programs, ranging from the Benjamin Franklin Scholars to the Jerome Fisher Program in Management and Technology. While the majority of our graduates do not seek further higher education, we say k+l+s to A++os Anshuman Reddy for his acceptance to the graduate economics programs at Georgetown University and the London School of Economics! With a competitively ranked grade-point average among other greek organizations on campus, it's clear that membership in the Society has proved a conducive environment for learning.

As the academic year came to a close, our next generation of Kaps prepared to wish our graduating seniors good fortune as they looked toward their lives after college. With a new team elected to our executive council, we hope to carry on the momentum our predecessors put so much effort into. Our goal is to bring in a healthy new group of Kaps and to continue to strive for excellence academically, philanthropically, and as a brotherhood.

Y.I.T.B.,  
Joseph Evans, VP'19

## KA IN VOO CHAPTER REPORT

The 2017–2018 year has been a tremendous success, welcoming nine new members to VOO: Steven Wang, Adam Lang, Caelan Mestinsek, Denis Kramarovsky, Daniel Green, Alex Purdom, Victor Shi, Adam Pinnington, and Elliot Stiles.

The year started out like no other, with an event every week, in conjunction with opens, and c++ns, throughout the week. A notable event was the introduction of concert nights! Our S+l, Justin Hancock, arranged with VM's S+l, Alex Spears, who is part of the band Bo Welland, to have multiple bands play. This put KA in an exciting spotlight as the weekly place to be.

Consistent in KA tradition, VOO also enjoyed many nights filled with vibrant discussions, often bringing us to the sunrise of the next day. Another memorable event was our murder-mystery night, organized by S+l Justin Hancock and G++s Ciaran Murdoch. This event, unlike any other, puts investigative skills to the test in a social role-playing environment to determine who was the culprit in a fictitious murder.



*The VOO Chapter.*

VOO's 69<sup>th</sup> Alumni Reunion Weekend was a tremendous success, organized by our S+l and Sergio Dempsey, our R++s. We hosted a group of alumni from VA, who showed us all how to sing with their organized barbershop-esque harmony.

Congratulations to Justin Hancock and Sergio Dempsey for winning JHHEF scholarships for contributions to KA and academic merit. With the end of the year,

we graduated three members: Spencer Mark Smith, who is now working in occupational health and safety, Sergio Dempsey, who is now a PhD student at Western, and Justin Hancock, who is consulting.

Those who have left, know that VOO is in a fantastic shape to welcome the 2018–2019 year. Those who continue on are more than excited to take on new leadership and challenges.

Sergio Dempsey, VOO'18

## KA IN VD CHAPTER REPORT

It is hard to know where to start in describing the past year at Dalhousie, but in a word, it has been unforgettable. With support from the alumni in VA, our band of 10 actives set up in VD's most spacious lodge to date, 1441 Thornvale Avenue. The size of this lodge, coupled with its proximity to campus, made for a number of incredible events hosted by our HM3, Peter Janson, ranging from large parties with live music to private, candle-lit soirées. We held, on average, two meetings per week, one open, one c++n, and all were well-attended. From the outset, our chapter had an unflinching resolve to build on the momentum of the previous year, and now, after bringing in 10 new active members, I think it is safe to say that we have surpassed even our own expectations.

At the time of writing, I am proud to say that there has been a delegation of VD a++oi present at every Alumni Reunion Weekend since September, including Concilium and the New York City Dinner. Our chapter's n++y f++d, joining us in VT, VOO, CH, and VM, all brought with them the enthusiastic spirits we long for in KA, leading to the most successful VD s++g that I have seen in my time here. The six fine young men who joined us there, four from VD and two from CC, possessed those same spirits. As myself and two other a++oi prepare to end our careers as undergrads in VD, there is no group of gentlemen I would rather see at the helm of our merry vessel.

We sit on the precipice of KA in VD's 10<sup>th</sup> year as an active chapter, and while I know that we have much, much further to go, I am personally in awe of how far we have come already. It has taken me some  
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time to fully appreciate KA and the bonds of friendship I have made within. After a long academic hiatus, my initial return to student life felt somewhat solitary. As an older student, I had no strong connections on campus, and I could not avoid the feeling that I was on an entirely different journey than the others I shared classes with. But in KA, I never felt my age, and I never felt like an outsider. I have forged deep relationships with my fellow a++oi, and I know that these friendships will persevere. We have overcome innumerable

challenges together. I have seen and experienced the confidence that grows from every collective success into each of us as individuals. As an only child, I never knew what it was like to have brothers, but in KA, I have learned how it feels to have many. And while it is bittersweet to be moving on, I am so excited to see what the future has in store, and I will always look back and smile when I reflect on these unforgettable times.

Y.I.T.B.,  
Cheever Ames T. Esler, VD'18

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## *Ad Astra*

### ROBERT J. BOURDIUS, VC'61, VT'66, VM'67

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of a former president of The Executive Council and a dedicated Kap, Robert J. Bourdus, VC'61, VT'66, VM'67. Bob died in Montreal on April 10, 2018.

Bob was a good friend to many of us through his long years of service on The Executive Council and as a stalwart local supporter of the McGill University Chapter through its various revivals. Those of us who came to know his sharp intellect through his participation in the candidate interview process will appreciate most the loss that we feel.

On a personal note, it was always a pleasure to see Bob when I was in Montreal or when he was in New York, and I particularly enjoyed and learned from his reminiscences about his time as an undergraduate at Cornell University. He never failed to have the appropriate joke handy to tell at any particular moment, a habit for which he very well might be best remembered!

A more complete biography will follow in a future issue.

James L. Goldman, VC'81, VP'86  
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## *A++oi News*

Ken Wolfe, VP '67, serves as a pastoral associate at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Tucson, Arizona. Fr. Ken is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, the Episcopal Divinity School, and holds a Doctor of Juris-



prudence from the Boston College Law School and a Doctor of Ministry to Marriage and Family from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done additional study at Harvard Divinity School and the College of Preachers of the National Cathedral. His diverse career and ministry includes the practice of law, a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a part of parish ministry in the Episcopal Church, and now a priest of the Catholic Church.

Fr. Ken was received into full communion with the Catholic Church in January 2015 through the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. The ordinariate was established in the United States and Canada on January 1, 2012, by Pope Benedict XVI through the Apostolic Constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus*, establishing ordinariates, ecclesial

entities similar to dioceses, for clergy and groups of Anglicans to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

“Still working,” writes Douglas Yoder, VC'69. Douglas is the deputy director of the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department, and he serves on several national association boards and plays golf when it's not too hot. He enjoys some travel, occasionally seeing a cadre of “similar vintage” VC Kaps.

His wife, Margaret, is a semiretired realtor, enjoying more time with friends, the family canine, and their new daughter-in-law. They also sing in the Greater Miami Civic Chorale and do a lot of theater and music in Miami's bustling arts scene.

Duncan Maxwell, VC'72, is in the middle of his fourth year of retirement from secondary school teaching in a private school in the Swiss Alps. He writes, “I love it. Don't know how I ever had time for a full-time job. My bees, pond, snakes, garden, and chalet take up a lot of time, but that is not a complaint. At 67, I still play squash, do aerobics, and ski, and will continue to do so as long as my body holds out. I travel frequently and have just come back from a week in Lanzarote, riding bicycle, scuba diving, exploring the islands, and eating and drinking large quantities.

I remember my times at KA in VC with pleasure, and I wish I had made more use of the time and opportunities there. I am still in touch with a few of the members and should do a lot more on that front. Hope all is well!”



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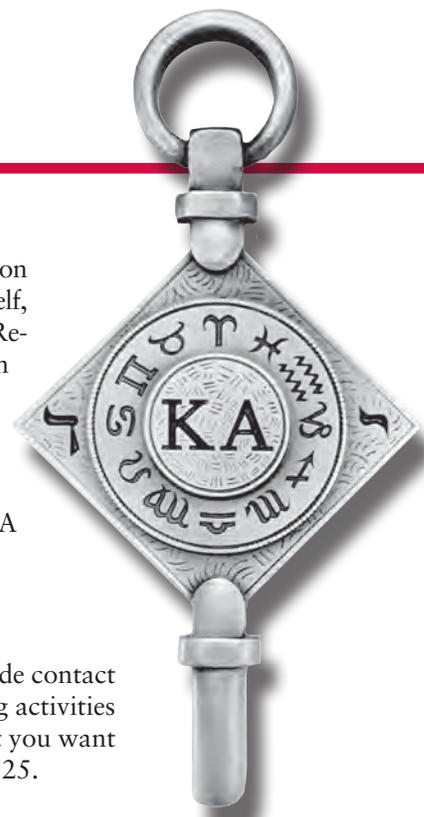
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