

*Gamma-Omicron*  
**Hall of Fame**  
*2011*



**THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2011**  
**CHAPTER HOUSE**



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*Welcome.....*

TO THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTION CEREMONY

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The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Gamma-Omicron Hall of Fame Awards are presented by the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Kansas. Conceived as a means of honoring our alumni for outstanding achievements and service, this award has become an integral part of our tradition here at Gamma-O.

Kappa Sigma is a national fraternity with great pride and a tradition of excellence that our many distinguished alumni have served to enhance throughout the years. Since its beginning on May 18, 1912, the Gamma-Omicron Chapter has seen many brothers rise to positions of prominence.

Congratulations to those who have been awarded this honor!

**This year's Hall of Fame inductee is:**

**Jim Wright '57**

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# PROGRAM FOR 2011 GAMMA-OMICRON HALL OF FAME BANQUET

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## Welcome & Introductions

David Steen, Board Chairmen

## GM Report & Introduction of Chapter Executive Committee

Cory Bell, GM

## Monetary Achievement Awards for the Chapter/Members

Steve Bader, Board Treasurer

*All As (Marcus Lenihan, Ross Miller, David Nelson, Andrew Storer)*

*Best Pledge Father/Son GPA (Nick Barr and Cooper Frederick)*

*Best New Member GPA*

*Fred Green Award for Citizenship and Community Contributions*

*Chapter Award for New Member Academic Achievement*

## Four-year Seniors Recognition

Dave Steen

*Kevin Colbert, Rob Foree, Brad Harrison, Robby House,*

*Brent Lemieux, Rabin Walters, Todd Witt*

## Introduction of Chapter Man of the Year Nominees

*Kevin Colbert, Brad Harrison, Robby House, Todd Witt*

## Introduction of Jim Wright, Hall Of Fame Inductee

Rich Guthrie

## Comments from Jim Wright

Closing

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## Jim Wright '57

Jim Wright arrived in Lawrence in 1957 already a Kappa Sigma. He had rushed and pledged the fraternity after being impressed by the brothers of the Gamma-Chi Chapter at Kansas State. He transferred to KU for his sophomore year and affiliated with Gamma-Omicron. Wright was active on house intramural teams, served on the Senior Council, and just enjoyed the company of his Brothers.

“I really enjoyed the fraternity experience, probably in part because I have no siblings. In my case fraternity brothers had a very special meaning.”

After graduating in 1960, Brother Wright went on to attend Washburn Law School in Topeka, earning his law degree in 1963. He passed the bar in June of that same year and has been practicing law in Topeka since. He is a sole practitioner, limiting his practice to worker's comp. He has been a board member and past President of the Topeka Bar Association. He has also been chair of local bar committees and been a member of the Topeka bar Association Ethics and Grievance Committee for the past 25 years or so. Brother Wright has also been selected by Best Lawyers in America in the Workers Compensations section since it started in 1995.

Jim has also been active in the community, serving as a Past President of Florence Crittenton Home in Topeka. One to always look on the bright side of life, he is also a part Board Member and Past President of West Topeka Optimist Club.

Brother Wright has continued to be involved with Gamma-Omicron. He currently serves on the Housing Corporation as a Vice President and also the Registered Agent. He also did a stint for the Board in the 80's.

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Reflecting back on over 50 years of involvement with Kappa Sigma, Brother Wright writes on it's continuing value and significance.

"The friendships I made at KU in the fraternity are truly for life. When I meet a Kappa Sig from another chapter, I feel an immediate bond. We have an alumni chapter in Topeka once a month. There are members from several different universities. Kappa Sigma means a lot to all of us. In business, in golf, in general social situations I have met many Kappa Sigmas over the 53 years since my initiation. I have become friends with many of them. Being a Jayhawk is generally an ice breaker in a social or business situation, but being a Kappa Sigma Jayhawk is really special. I am so proud of the current house members that we meet at our Corporation Board meetings. It gives me a good feeling to have been someone who was involved as an undergrad in the 50's and also be able to see how the chapter has continued to be outstanding on campus into the next century. I have ever regretted choosing Kappa Sigma when it was offered to me in 1956."





**2011**

**Hall of Fame Inductee:**

**Jim Wright '57**

**2009**

William H. Coughlin '66

**2008**

Rodney Thompson '62

Jack Bondon '71

Brian Harrison '05 (*Chapter Man of the Year*)

**2007**

David A. N. (Dan) Chase '55

Michael D. Wolfe '61

James D. (Jim) Mackenzie '64

**2006**

Tom Gee '56

Don Foster '59

Fred Frailey '63

**2005**

Tony Witt '50

Rick Sarmiento '65

Larry Walter '69

Cliff Rovelto '75

**2004**

Robert Guthrie '55

Kenneth Payne '55

John Davis '62

Charles Squire '62

**2003**

Richard Guthrie '59

Roy Knapp '59

William Textor '59

**2002**

Walter Cole '50

Richard Mai '50

Bill McEachen '52

C. E. Witt '52

Edgar B. Grass, III '77

**2001**

**U.S. Armed Forces Memorial**

Fred C. Campbell '12

Marion L. Carter '15

Don B. Fullmer '32

Charles F. Pierson '36

John D. Keeling '39

Earl G. Lowe, Jr. '40

William H. McCrum '40

Francis B. Smith, Jr. '41

Herbert S. Finney '42

William H. Fountain '42

John E. Strand '42

John E. Sorem '48



Samuel W. Simpson '57  
Larry E. Martin '58  
Loyd M. Willson '59  
Jack C. Connell '62

### 2000

Richard Nelson '44  
Jay Markley '51  
Jerry Palmer '59  
Richard Davis '60  
David Mackenzie '61

### 1999

Reed Hoffman '41  
Harry Callahan '42  
Frank Darden '45  
Warren Andreas '49  
Noel Rooney '53

### 1998

Robert Gould '63  
David Evans '64

### 1997

Raymond Calene '20  
Thomas Bertelsen '59  
Danforth Austin '65

### 1996

Frank Godding '40  
Harry Hutchens '45  
Jerald Pullins '61  
Alan Mulally '64

### 1995

Lawrence Ochs '42  
Harlan Ochs '47  
Kenneth Ochs '49  
Donald Ochs '50  
Lloyd Hanahan '56

### 1994

Kenneth Rankin '28  
Elis Cave '29  
Harry West '29  
Rich Lyon '34  
John Heisler '41  
Roger James '42  
Wallace Foster '46  
Henry Buck '53  
Fred Green '61

### 1993

Robert Ferris '34  
George Godding '39  
Paul Bartsch '55

### 1992

Col. August E. Schanze '18  
John F. Redmond '31  
James Hitt '32  
C. H. Cowell '34  
Albert Speath '34  
Howard Engleman '38  
Frederick Murfin '38  
Louis Ward '38  
Robert J. Dole '42  
J. Richard Smith '52  
Robert J. Eaton '59



*Not for an hour ... a day ...  
or college term only ... but for life.*

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