

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Alpha Delta is saddened to learn of the recent passing of our Brother, **Joseph Zelinsky '68**

**HOMECOMING 2017**



**It's Never Too Early to Plan a Kappa Sig Reunion!**

It's a championship atmosphere in Happy Valley, the likes of which have not been seen since the star-studded 1994 squad. There's never been a better time to round up your Alpha-Delta buddies and head to Beaver Stadium for Brotherhood and football.

This year, the Homecoming game falls November 11 against Big Ten foe, Rutgers, and we hope to be 9-0 and staring down a bowl game by then!

Looking for lodging? No Problem. Visit [www.happyvalley.com](http://www.happyvalley.com) for information on hotel options, and other events to participate in during Homecoming Weekend, including the famous parade Friday, November 10.

**GET INVOLVED!**

**Send us Your Photos and Updates!**

Alpha-Delta hopes you enjoyed reading the stories in this edition of Alpha-Delta News. We'd like to feature more in upcoming communications. If you'd like to be featured, please send any updates to [marc@affinityconnection.com](mailto:marc@affinityconnection.com) to have them published! In addition, we're always looking for photos to add to our website archive, so dust those off and send them to [marc@affinityconnection.com](mailto:marc@affinityconnection.com) as well! We look forward to reading and viewing your submissions.



# Alpha-Delta News

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**A BROTHER GONE TOO SOON**

**Alpha-Delta Loses One Of Its Own**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of **Brother Reilly**. Brandt had such a gentle soul and became a dear friend to every person he met. We are so thankful for all of the passion and love he exemplified within in our chapter. Rest easy Brother Reilly, you will be missed dearly.

Brandt P. Reilly, of Elkins Park, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. He was 25 years old.

He was the cherished son of Jeanine M. Reilly (Jakubowski) of Elkins Park and John J. "Jack" Reilly of Blue Bell.

Brandt worked as an Assistant Golf Pro at the Ace Club. He was a graduate of Saint Joseph's Preparatory High School and Penn State University, where he received a degree in Professional Golf Management.

In his leisure time, Brandt enjoyed all types of sports, but was especially passionate about golf. He loved animals and spending time with his family. He will be remembered as kind, appreciative and genuine, with an easy going and fun loving personality. Being family oriented, he will be desperately missed as a devoted son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and good friend to all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sisters Stephanie N. Reilly of Philadelphia and Valerie M. Pardon of Arlington, VA, his brother Steven M. Reilly and stepmother Constance "Connie" M. Reilly of Blue Bell, his grandfather John R. Jakubowski of Huntingdon Valley and Joseph J. "Jack" Reilly and Nancy K. Reilly of Doylestown, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A.E.K.D.B.



*Brother Brandt Reilly*



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## Sixties-Era Kappa Sigs Gather In Happy Valley

**George Strachan '70** and his Brothers enjoyed a fantastic State College reunion recently, when a small get-together of a single pledge class morphed into a full-on celebration with around 100 people attending.

Held in May, Strachan describes how it all came together. "It started out really to be a reunion for my pledge class, which was celebrating its 50th year of being pledged in and also being initiated as brothers...

As time went by, we realized there were so many other people and things about Kappa Sig that were important to us beyond just our pledge class. We wanted to incorporate them into the celebration as well. It ended up becoming a 50th reunion for so many things. It was also 50 years since some of the guys who

were older than us graduated...so we just broadened our scope to bring in a lot of people. While our pledge class had about 20 people in it, by the time we were finished bringing all the others in, we had close to 100 people attending the reunion."

The weekend was filled with fun and reminiscing. On Friday afternoon, a golf outing was made available for those who play, while others headed to the Rathskeller, for a couple of drinks ahead of the evening's activities. That night, there was a cocktail hour and dinner at Toftrees Resort.

"That was the first chance for so many of us to get together...for some of us, it had been getting on to 50 years since we had laid eyes on one another. That was a really great moment for us to renew acquaintances, meet each other's spouses and just discuss so many things we've done," says Strachan.

Saturday's itinerary originally included another golf outing, but inclement weather inspired an equally enjoyable time, at the

Penn State All Sports Museum.

"One of my pledge brothers, **Tim Bonawitz '71** was a tour guide there, so he gave all of those who chose to attend a tour of the sports museum, taking into consideration not only how it related to Penn State, but also some of the Kappa Sigs that were involved in various sports teams over the years. That was really very good," says Strachan. "After that, a number of us went on a walking tour of campus...That



late afternoon, we had a cocktail hour at the Penn Stater in the Legends bar, which had a spectacular turn out...Then after dinner, we went back to the bar and chose to wrap things up quite a bit later."

Saturday night's dinner had two particularly special guests in attendance, **Pete Sutton '67** and **Tom Kuhn '68**. Both had the opportunity to address the group and speak on how they've maintained their bond over the years, and how that bond emanated from Kappa Sig. Strachan expanded on that theme in his own address to the crowd: "What Pete and Tom have, we all have..We all have somebody like that who helped us during our time at Kappa Sig, or who we may have helped at Kappa Sig. Here we are 50 years later, still trying to pick each other up when necessary and pat each other on the back when appropriate. Pete and Tom were demonstrating that in the moment, but it had all been demonstrated time and again by so many of us in our Kappa Sig lives."

Strachan says, of those in attendance, the Class of '67 was the earliest pledge class, though there were Kappa Sigs all the way through the Class of '77 present.

While the initial goal of the event was to bring Brothers together, Strachan says it also "really reinforced the spirit that Kappa Sig held for [the Brothers] while at Penn State, and 50 years later, that spirit is still alive and, in some ways, stronger than ever."

"Kappa Sig was really, really important

to us," he continues. "The group of guys we had, for the most part, were first-generation college students. We didn't have family to tell us what to expect or what to do. We just kind of landed on campus in hopes that something magical would happen, and, in fact, one of the

magical things was, we joined a fraternity with a lot of people who had similar circumstances. We worked with one another along the way to get through school and go on in our careers."

"With a house as big as ours...people are in all different types of careers, and you always had someone you could go to for advice or support and it was always given so willingly because it was expected; that was what being a Kappa Sig is all about. I just think that so many of us went on to do things we could have never dreamed without being part of the house and being part of a brotherhood that cared for one another the way we did. It wasn't something we knew going in, it's something that evolved because of the type of people we had in the house."

Following the main event, plans are in the works to coordinate smaller, more frequent mini-reunions. These get-togethers may be more casual, and regional, to make attendance as easy as possible for alums.



## CHAPTER CELESTIAL

### Walter Conti '52



The latest edition of *The Caduceus* reported the passing of Alpha-Delta Brother **Walter Conti '52**, last October.

Walter J., formerly of Doylestown PA, and recently of Amelia Island FL, a lifelong Penn Stater and husband for 63 years of Patricia Murray Conti, passed away peacefully during the Penn State Homecoming Game on Saturday, October 8, 2016, at Ann's Choice in Warminster PA. He was 87.

Born in Newport RI, he was the son of the late Frank and Emily Conti.

Walter graduated from Penn State University in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in Home Economics having enjoyed a highly successful career culminating with his retirement as owner and CEO of Conti's Cross Keys Inn and Conti's Pipersville Inn, both located in Bucks County.

He was active in and had been recognized by several leading industry organizations, holding various leadership positions in the National Restaurant Association, including a term as Chairman (1981-82) and as "Diplomate" of the association's educational foundation. He also received the Gold Plate and Silver Plate awards from the International Foodservice Manufacturers Association and had served as president of the International Gold and Silver Plate Society.

Walter proudly served on the Culinary Institute of America's Board of Trustees as Chairman and Chairman Emeritus and was instrumental in the establishment of the CIA at Greystone, in St. Helena CA. Walter served as past President of the Pennsylvania Restaurant Association and the Penn State Hotel and Restaurant Society. He was named Trustee Emeritus of the National Institute for the Foodservice Industry and was a member of the advisory board of Johnson & Wales College. He also served on the advisory boards for the hotel, restaurant and institutional management programs at Mercyhurst and Oklahoma State Universities and University of Delaware.

His relationship with Penn State University remained strong, serving on the Board of Trustees from (1974-1992), including a term as Vice Chairman (1979-81) and Chairman (1982-84). He was named Trustee Emeritus in 1992.

In 1987, alumni and friends of the Penn State School of Hospitality Management honored him by establishing the Conti Professorship, a program bringing industry leaders to the university on a regular basis to interact with students and faculty. He also had been named PSHRS "Hospitality Man of the Year" and been honored by Penn State as an Alumni Fellow and Distinguished Alumnus.

### Kenneth Frehafer Jr '69



*The Penn Stater Magazine* recently reported the death of one of our Alpha-Delta Brothers.

**Kenneth S. Frehafer Jr., 69**, of Schuylkill Haven, passed away

unexpectedly Monday, December 12, 2016 at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street.

Born in Pottsville, he was a son of the late Kenneth S. Sr. and Bertha Shaw Frehafer.

After graduating from Schuylkill Haven High School, he went on to earn bachelor and master degrees in education from Penn State University.

He was employed by the Tulpehocken School District as a junior high history teacher for 40 years before retiring in 2009. During his teaching tenure, Ken was a two-time selection into Who's Who among American Teachers. He last worked for the Schuylkill Haven Borough as the assistant recreation director.

A five-decade fast pitch softball player, he most recently served as an assistant women's softball coach at Albright College. Previously, he coached both Little League and Teener-League baseball. He also volunteered as a coach, game official, and co-commissioner in the Schuylkill Haven Midget Football League.

He is survived by his wife, Molly; daughter, Kristyn, Orlando, Fla.; son, Kyle, Schuylkill Haven; his loving granddaughter, Khalle; along will all the students he ever taught.

## ALUMNI UPDATE

### Michael Bailey '64- A lifetime Fraternal Bond

"I graduated from Penn State in 1964 with a Bachelors in Business and then spent the next 32 years with the Hershey Company. I worked in Human Resources as an Industrial Relations Professional. I am married with two daughters and two granddaughters living in South Jersey along the coast. I retired in 2000. We stay in touch with many Brothers who have been lifelong true friends over the years and see them frequently at weddings and other special family events. I will never forget the bond that Fraternity life has provided for me."

A.E.K.D.B.



Michael Bailey '64 (Top Row, third from left in photo)

## ALPHA-DELTA NEWS

### Undergrads Shine as Leaders

#### Brothers Complete Internships



In May, Kappa Sigma Brothers Krueger, Genoese, and Leitham kicked off their summer PGA internships at the Trump National Golf Club. Great job guys!

#### Kappa Sigma and CMA Fest



Brother Harrison Brown enjoyed his summer internship with the Country Music Association For Media and Public Relations at CMA Fest – keep up the hard work Harrison!!

#### Alpha-Delta Brother Nominated As Finalist

Congratulations to Brother Labricciosa for being chosen as a finalist in the 2017 Small Business Scholarship competition hosted by SuretyBonds.com. Dante's co-owned food truck and hard work has earned him a spot in the top ten.

#### Alpha-Deltas In Vegas



A few of our Brothers made it to Las Vegas this summer for the 71st Grand Conclave. Their week was spent celebrating the work of our Brothers from over 320 North American Chapters. There, our Brothers were awarded the Founders Award of Chapter Excellence & the Founders Circle Award, which we are honored to have received.

#### Alpha Delta Remembers 9/11



On Monday, September 11, the Alpha Delta Chapter had its second Kappa Sigma 9/11 First Responder's Day. Our Brothers spent the day remembering the people who lost their lives and honoring the first responders who risked their lives to save others. To show appreciation to all of the brave first responders, our Brothers visited the local fire, police, and EMS stations.

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#### Alpha-Delta of Kappa Sigma Endowment Fund

A scholarship fund has been established for every Kappa Sigma Chapter for the exclusive benefit for undergraduate Brothers from their respective Chapter. Currently, our chapter has raised contributions to the Scholarship Fund totaling \$2,593.98, per the latest issue of The Caduceus. You can make a tax-deductible donation directly to Alpha-Delta's Scholarship Fund online at [www.kappasigmadonate.org](http://www.kappasigmadonate.org).

#### Alpha-Delta Wins Fourth-Consecutive Award

We are honored to have received our fourth consecutive Founders' Award of Chapter Excellence. Thank you brothers for all of your hard work and dedication.

### Help Alpha-Delta With THON 2018!

The THON 2018 fundraising window officially opened Friday, September 15. Every year, over 15,000 Penn State students raise millions of dollars for the Four Diamonds Fund to help end pediatric cancer. Please join Kappa Sigma in the fight against cancer today by donating to the largest student run philanthropy in the world at <http://giveto.psu.edu>.

## ALUMNI UPDATE

### Checking In With Theodore Lesko '40

Theodore Lesko Jr, son of our oldest living alumnus, **Theodore Lesko '40**, recently sent us an update on his father, who Kappa Sig wishes well in his 100th year of life! He writes:

"I just wanted to let you know that my father celebrated his 100th birthday on October 9th. He is still living at Brandywine Senior Living in Pennington, NJ and is doing well. He has ailments, of course, but who doesn't. He still gets around on his own and his memory and cognitive abilities are intact. We had a birthday party for him this past weekend attended by his three children, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren."

Regards,  
Ted Lesko

