

# KNIGHTLY *News*



SIGMA NU FRATERNITY ▲ UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SPRING 2010

## UPDATED HOUSE PLANS MAXIMIZE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

- *Tim Bentley '81, EO 943, Memorial Fund Established*
- *\$406,910 Contributed by Loyal Brothers—We Need Your Help to Reach \$750,000 Goal!*

I have been working with our architect, **Glen Bell '91, EO 1266**, to develop concepts for the renovation of the Chapter House. On the right are the renderings of the final design, which maximizes the existing building infrastructure while giving the house an entirely new, fresh look. This will be a Chapter House that we can all be proud of for decades to come.

### *Tim Bentley Memorial Fund Established*

The annual Sigma Nu Plaque Banquet was held at The Jonathan Club on April 23. A sizable group of alumni were in attendance to reconnect with old friends and show our support for the Chapter. Before the banquet, a group of Sigma Nu alumni expressed an interest in establishing a memorial for Brother, **Tim Bentley '81, EO 943**, who passed away tragically. At the banquet, we announced the formation of the Tim Bentley Memorial Fund. **Doug Holte '81, EO 945**, is leading the effort to establish the fund and we will provide details in the weeks to come. Please contact me if you are interested in participating.

If any alumni would like to establish a similar fund for brothers who are no longer with us, please let me know. We will include a suitable memorial for these brothers in our renovation plans.

### *We Can't Do This Alone—We Need Your Support*

When I stand in the house now, looking at leaking plumbing, a leaking roof, a ridiculously antiquated electrical system, and all the other inadequacies, it is sometimes hard to envision just how nice this facility will be when it is finished. But trust me, it will be spectacular. It will be something that you can be truly proud of. Of course, that all presumes that you, the alumni, stand behind us with your support. To date we have raised \$406,060 from loyal Epsilon Omicron alumni, but we need everyone's support—we can't do this alone.

I would again like to extend my personal invitation to each of you to reconnect with the active Chapter. Members have expressed their desire for increased alumni contact. Speaking from personal experience, I can assure you that the rewards flow both ways.



Fraternally,  
**Bill Lanting '82, EO 993**  
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## NEW EO CHAPTER HOUSE RENDERINGS



# Epsilon Omicron Excels on Campus

*Chapter Focuses on Academics, Leadership Development, and Alumni Involvement*

As the school year comes to a close, I look back upon the past year with pride at how much we have accomplished. We are a growing Chapter of men dedicated to academic, athletic, and social excellence. Our new pledge class assures me that the future of our Chapter is in capable hands.

## Academic Achievement on the Rise

We achieved a 3.24 G.P.A. in the fall, a number that is significantly above the university's all-men's average. In December we revived the Sigma Nu scholarship dinner, during which brothers with a G.P.A. above 3.5 were recognized for their achievements.

## Membership Numbers Climb

Chapter membership stands at 113 active members, making us one of the largest chapters on the row. Recruitment Chairmen **Kyle Nauman '08, EO 1601** and **Matt Berardi '08, EO 1594** did a great job securing a class of 14 men who will become a valuable part of the future of Epsilon Omicron. And Candidate Marshal **Kyle Ernsberger, '08 EO 1581**, is guiding the new pledge class on their way to knighthood.

## Alumni Involvement a Top Priority

We remain focused on efforts to keep our alumni involved in the Chapter and have hosted many football tailgates at Alumni Park, attended events at the beach, and invited alumni to join us for the annual Plaque Banquet in April. Our families were also on hand to honor the new executive council and fall pledge class at the Candlelight Dinner in December. We enjoy the wisdom, camaraderie, and fellowship that our alumni and families offer during these events and throughout the year.



*Epsilon Omicron paired with Tri Delta for the Kick It for Cancer event. There was a great turnout and a good time was had by all for a great cause.*

## Leadership Development

A number of executive council members joined other USC Greek leaders at the Order of Omega retreat on March 26-27 in Long Beach. We discussed the challenges and opportunities of fraternity leadership and helped our men learn about new goals and tactics we can utilize in our chapter.

## Kickin' It for a Good Cause

Epsilon Omicron paired with Tri Delta for the Kick It for Cancer event, one of USC's largest fundraising events. The annual kickball tournament features fraternities and other campus organizations going head to head in a week-long competition. We were excited to participate and raise money for a great cause.

## Intramural Teams Plan for Championship

Our intramural teams have kept up to pace with the rest of our outstanding achievements. Brothers are competing in flag football and basketball and have participated in tournaments for racquetball and tennis. We look forward to finishing the intramural soccer season and hope to compete for the championship.



*Brothers took a trip to Cal to kick off the spring semester.*

As you can see, Epsilon Omicron has achieved so much over the last few months, yet we still have enormous aspirations for the future. We will accept the challenges of the swift growth the past couple years have brought us and seek opportunities for our members to make a difference, not only in our house but in the USC community. Thank you for your support and we extend an invitation to come by the Chapter House anytime.

Fraternally,

**Brian Huefner '08, EO 1591**

Eminent Commander

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## Welcome, New Pledges

**Adam Abrishami**

Dublin, Ohio  
Dublin Scioto H.S.

**Matt Cox**

San Francisco, Calif.  
Redwood H.S.

**Travis Jones**

Corona Del Mar, Calif.  
Corona Del Mar H.S.

**Dylan McBride**

Seattle, Wash.  
Redmond H.S.

**Ryan Scallan**

Seattle, Wash.  
Redmond H.S.

**Tommy Angelopolous**

San Francisco, Calif.  
Palo Alto H.S.

**Andy Greos**

Denver, Colo.  
Cherry Creek H.S.

**Dan Kadin**

Los Angeles, Calif.  
The Buckley School

**Jonah Rosenthal**

San Francisco, Calif.  
Lowell H.S.

**Andrew Wulc**

Philadelphia, Pa.  
Harrington Senior H.S.

**Mark Brown**

Petaluma, Calif.  
Casa Grande H.S.

**Michael Hollenbeck**

San Diego, Calif.  
Torrey Pines H.S.

**Joe Lynch\***

Fairway, Kan.  
Shawnee Mission East H.S.

**Neil Sakhrani**

Los Angeles, Calif.  
Calabasas H.S.

\* Legacy

# Epsilon Omicron

## HONOR OUR PAST, BUILD OUR FUTURE

Thank You, Loyal Brothers, for Committing Over \$400,000

**We are deeply grateful** to the following Sigma Nu brothers for committing \$406,910 to the *Epsilon Omicron: Honor Our Past, Build Our Future* campaign. These brothers recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Epsilon Omicron and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal and complete this major project.

### Knight Society

(\$100,000 and above)

William H. Lanting '82, EO 993

### Snake Society

(\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Joy Family Gift

Matthew T. Joy '01, EO 1433

Ken and Judy Joy

### Trojan Society

(\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Douglas G. Holte '81, EO 945

John C. Roberts '81, EO 946

Sean P. Nevett '87, EO 1130

Carlo D. Ghailian '96, EO 1360

### Epsilon Omicron Society

(\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Harold L. Messinger Jr. '51, EO 529

Guy L. Muranaka '79, EO 891

Patrick J. Ford '81, EO 958

Daniel C. Grable '81, EO 944

Steve A. Malachowski '81, EO 950

Joshua L. Flaherty '02, EO 1463

Todd Terrazas '07, EO 1546

### Sword Society

(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Jeffrey P. Jones, DDS '74, EO 779

Brett A. Levine '82, EO 989

### Star Society

(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

John J. Schumacher '52, EO 554

Michael B. Hugill '72, EO 750

Thomas J. Pernice '82, EO 990

Adam A. Kleinert '05, EO 1510

Richard M. Pierce '05, EO 1517

Michael Jaradeh '06, EO 1529

Davis Lawyer '06, EO 1535

Jonathan Plummer '07, EO 1562

Elliott Crowe '08, EO 1574

Brandon Reinus '08, EO 1583

Scott Yeilding '08, EO 1572

### Loyal Brothers

(\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Bruce L. Megowan '69, EO 698

Scott A. Macdonald '76, EO 830

Patrick M. Cavaney '77, EO 851

Bryan L. Lynn '79, EO 880

Michael L. Mekjian '80, EO 915

Deane C. Logan '88, EO 1166

Bradley J. Schmidt '95, EO 1336

Steven H. Levin '95, EO 1340

Geoff G. Purnell '99, EO 1411

Theodore Dankangin '05, EO 1524

T. J. Lowther '06, EO 1537

Charles Tyler '06, EO 1540

Nikhil Kumar '07, EO 1543

Imran Hossain '07, EO 1547

Elliott Spelman '07, EO 1549

Joseph B. Smith III '07, EO 1552

James Meiners '07, EO 1553

Jay Glazer '07, EO 1554

Addison McCaleb '07, EO 1556

Shaun Sakhrani '07, EO 1557

Tom Brightbill '07, EO 1558

Kevin D. Platt '07, EO 1559

Kevin Osman '07, EO 1561

Conor Whalen '07, EO 1563

Stephen Ladsous '07, EO 1565

Matthew Carbone '07, EO 1566

Mark Winn '08, EO 1571

Bryan Beard '08, EO 1575

Luke Taylor '08, EO 1580

Anthony Gentile '08, EO 1582

Tudor Grecescu '08, EO 1587

Nicolae Ivanov '08, EO 1589

Charles Srutowski '08, EO 1578

## Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of May 5, 2010

**1,008**

Active Alumni

**89**

Contributors

**\$406,910**

Total Commitments

## CARLO GHAILIAN '96 SUPPORTS CAMPAIGN TO PRESERVE EXPERIENCE AND MEMORIES

### Encourages Alumni to Invest in the Future of EO



*By making a pledge, you are investing in the longevity of our Sigma Nu memories and experiences and allowing the same opportunity for future brothers to do the same.*

The experience I had in Epsilon Omicron yielded some genuine friendships that I value dearly. While at the house, I led a group of about 40 through some turbulent times and obstacles, which we conquered in unison while maintaining a positive outlook on our growth and perseverance. I frequently reflect on those times when I encounter hurdles in my life today.

I chose to support the *Epsilon Omicron: Honor Our Past, Build Our Future* campaign because it will help ensure my memories and experiences are preserved within a new house that will carry the legacy of our brotherhood well into the future.

I encourage all alumni to support the campaign. We will all benefit from re-establishing an enhanced image in a new home on the Row at USC. By making a pledge, you are investing in the longevity of our Sigma Nu memories and experiences and allowing the same opportunity for future brothers to do the same. Why wouldn't you want to be a part of that?

My wife, Gisella, and I live in Los Angeles and have three children: Carmela, Enzo, and Giancarlo. I operate a clothing manufacturing company in the Fashion District of Downtown Los Angeles. East 8th Group produces primarily denim jeans for mass merchants, including Chico's, Dillard's, Macy's, J.C. Penney, Kohl's, New York & Company, Sears, Mervyn's, Lane Bryant, Mother Works, Wal-Mart and White House/Black Market, and specialty retailers nationwide.

I spend most of the year traveling since the bulk of our manufacturing is done in the Orient. I indulge in spending time with family and friends while at home. Recently, I have been able to connect with several Epsilon Omicron alumni. It has been great to catch up with everyone and hear about their progress in life since leaving the Chapter. I would love to hear from more EO alumni; e-mail me at [carlo@e8thgroup.com](mailto:carlo@e8thgroup.com).



## Upcoming Events

**October 15**

Sigma Nu "Old Man" Golf Tournament  
Arroyo Trabuco  
26772 Avery Pkwy.  
Mission Viejo

## ALUMNI UPDATE

### CHAPTER ETERNAL

**H. D. Libby '47** passed on to Chapter Eternal on January 1, 2009, in Arcadia, Calif.

**Thomas R. Sparks '96** passed on to Chapter Eternal on November 5, 2009, in Powell, Ohio, where he was a morning show host at Alpine Broadcasting.

### ALUMNI NEWS

**George B. "Burl" Reichart '31** was a cartoonist for the U.S. Navy paper on Guam in 1944-45. He is 99 years old and lives in Tucson, Ariz., with his wife, Una. E-mail: georgereichart@hotmail.com

**B. J. Hansen '44** served in three wars — WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. His final rank was Navy Captain. Until two knee surgeries last year, B. J. surfed in Malibu and Hawaii and windsurfed in the National Senior Championships. He has five grandchildren; one teaches at Cambridge and another at Harvard. At 77 years old, he is writing a book and completing a dissertation. He says he is "blessed to be a Sigma Nu" and to have accomplished so many things. E-mail: surfunning@dc.rr.com

**Edwin V. Grundstrom '49** retired as an attorney at law in 2008. He reports he is "mostly retired" and lives with his wife, Renate, in Novato, Calif.

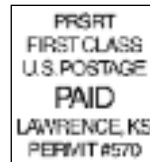
**Joseph T. Banovich '58** owns the J. B. Thomas Company, a real estate brokerage firm, and retired in 2010. He lives in Santa Rosa, Calif. E-mail: joebanovich@sonic.net

**Paul V. Bostwick '60** retired as president of El Vee Inc. He and his wife, Carol, live in Anaheim, Calif., and have three sons: David, Paul, and Robert. E-mail: cabpb@earthlink.net

**Robert M. Rasch '72** and his wife, Maura, have three children: Michael, Kristin, and

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**Robert A. Lyddon '81** and his wife, Susan, have four children: Brad, Mary, Hayley, and Jack. Robert is president of Dickson Testing Company in Pasadena. E-mail: rol2635@aol.com

**Howard Kennedy '83** is an account director for CMD Agency. He and his wife, Shelli, have four children: Alexis, Howard, Nicholas, and Emma, and live in Beaverton, Ore. E-mail: hkennedy@cmdagency.com

**W. Kent Hedges '88** works in business development at Kleinfelder Central Inc. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Cedar Park, Texas, with their three children: Nicholas (10), Noah (7), and Logan (4). E-mail: hedges5@austin.rr.com

**Philip C. Cohen '90** is a senior vice president at Lee & Associates in Irvine, Calif.

He and his wife, Amy, have four children. E-mail: pcohen@lee-associates.com

**Justin E. Rawlins '92** was promoted to partner in the downtown Los Angeles office of Winston & Strawn, an international law firm headquartered Chicago. He lives in Pacific Palisades with his wife, Melissa, and their two children, Isabel and Asher. E-mail: rawlinsclan@gmail.com

**Alec S. Wrolson '95** is a police officer for the Puyallve Tribe in Tacoma, Wash., where he lives with his son, Ian.

**Braunson Virjee '04** is in law school at the Washington School of Law at American University in Washington, D.C. Before law school, he took a year off and traveled the world. E-mail: sk8pv@aol.com

**Tom Maloof '03** started Maloof Partners Real Estate Group, which specializes in investments, developments, and property management. Visit his Web site, [www.maloofpartners.com](http://www.maloofpartners.com), for more information. E-mail: TMaloof@maloofpartners.com

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