

Kappa Alpha Order

**Excellence
and Honor
in All
Things**



**Defining
the
Gentleman**

**Beta Alpha Chapter
Missouri University of Science and Technology**



Dear Parents,

As parents, you may have a variety of questions about the fraternity experience. We hope to provide you with useful information about Kappa Alpha Order, one of the oldest and largest fraternities.

Kappa Alpha's philosophy of gentlemanly conduct and its unending quest for excellence are directly attributed to the example set by General Robert E. Lee, our spiritual founder. As president of the college where Kappa Alpha was founded, Lee personified the traits of gentility and chivalry. Kappa Alpha strives to translate these timeless values into the mainstream of colleges and universities across the nation.

Kappa Alpha at the Missouri University of Science & Technology has existed since 1903, making us the second oldest fraternity in Rolla. It has proven itself as a support network for young men as they make the transition from high school or a community college into a prestigious engineering school such as Missouri University of Science & Technology.

The order seeks out the positive character of its members and provides many opportunities for enrichment and development.

Kappa Alpha can better your son's college experience by providing scholastic support, hand-on experience in leadership, interaction with faculty and administrators, exposure to potential careers through educational programs and alumni, an opportunity for individual development through community service projects and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Belonging to a fraternal organization is like nothing your son will ever experience. Living together and learning about each other in a healthy environment is what Kappa Alpha Order is all about.

Sincerely,

Zachary T. Sample

Rush Chairman



A Motto To Live By

The Beta Alpha Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order is dedicated to the ideals of chivalry and the honor of women, as were the Knights of old and the Gentlemen of the antebellum South. Although some of our precepts are derived from southern tradition and custom, Kappa Alpha is not sectional. We are a national fraternity.

The men of Kappa Alpha Order are known as the gentlemen of the fraternity world. This title was not self-chosen and it was not given to us, it has however been earned, year after year, by men who have chosen to let Kappa Alpha be an adjunct to their faith, morals, opinions, and beliefs.

The founders of the Order sought to preserve the ideals of the courtly gentlemen of their time. Stress is laid upon the fact the Kappa alpha is an order rooted in the tenet of high personal achievement. An order is a society of persons united by the possession of traits of mutual distinction, the recognition of something previously acquired. That is why we proudly carry the name of the Kappa Alpha Order.

Charles Kingsley correctly stated, "Some say that the age of chivalry is past, that the spirit of romance is dead. The age of chivalry is never past, so long as a wrong left unredressed on earth, or a man or woman left to say, I will redress that wrong, or spend my life in the attempt." The ideals of chivalry dominated one of the most remarkable periods in the history of almost all European nations, and continue to influence our opinions, habits and manners. Chivalry, as it has been characterized, consists of a passion for competition, the spirit of enterprise, the honor of knight hood, the rewards of valor, a firm desire for justice, a passion for adventure, a eagerness to run to the aid of the distressed and affability. In short, chivalry is the code of behavior expected of a knight who is devoted to a set of ideals.

The Kappa Alpha Order is a different breed of men because of this focus on chivalry and honor. We all tend to agree with Samuel Zenas Ammen who once commented that, "Be this as it may, we all share in the belief that Kappa Alphas are not as other men are."

Gentlemen Against Hazing

This is true, Gentlemen never haze. The media has permanently scared minds of the public on the subject of "Fraternity Life. Kappa Alpha Order takes a strong stance against hazing. Anyone can put signs up against hazing, however it takes a true gentleman to perform his duties to his Order. This is everything Kappa Alpha Order strives to represent in the fraternity world.

According to Kappa Alpha laws:

"Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. We assert that a chapter whose practices are not providing a healthy environment for their members has no place in Kappa Alpha Order"

KA Nationals is helping lead the way to eliminate hazing from all fraternities nation wide by joining in the creation of the new "Anti-Hazing Hotline" which incorporates over 20 international fraternities in the effort to clear the names of the fraternity world. The Number is toll free at 1-(888)-NOT-HAZE.

We Take Pride in Our House

The Beta Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order was founded on April 27, 1903, making it the second oldest fraternity on campus. Today our house, located at Number 1 Fraternity Drive, displays the elegant reminiscent of the "Old South." The house contains some of the finest facilities on campus with room for 54 men. These facilities include an elegant formal living room, a spacious veranda area, a state of the art kitchen, a paved parking lot, and heating and air conditioning. In addition to the most popular room in the house, the den. This social room is known for its big-screen television, DVD player, and a superb house stereo system.



Brothers at Kappa Alpha also have numerous amenities in their individual rooms. Each room contains cable television, high speed Ethernet access and access to the university computer network. When Brothers are not studying, they utilize the house's many recreational outlets, which include foosball, ping pong, and billiards tables. Outdoors, the house boasts a lighted tennis and basketball court which is also perfect for other outdoor

sports such as dodge ball, volleyball or roller hockey.

In the near future, Kappa Alpha will be undergoing renovations of the front halls of the house. This will increase the total area of the house by expanding the den and the dining room.



Honored For Excellence

The Beta Alpha chapter strives for excellence in all that we do. This commitment distinguishes us from the other chapters on the campus.

Our chapter has received the Marshall award, which is given annually to the best three chapters out of 135 nationwide, a total of 5 times. We also have been nationally recognized for being in the top 15% of chapters 28 times in the past 29 years. These awards honor a chapter for operational excellence and superior achievement.



Scholarship, Our Top Priority

Although we are very proud of our living facilities, we remind you that a fraternity does not build their name and reputation on the brick and stone of their house. The character of our fraternity depends upon the character of its members.

The fundamental reason for you to enter Missouri University of Science & Technology is to obtain a degree, and we exist primarily for that purpose. Scholarship is the only means for you to reach that goal, and at Kappa Alpha, we stress scholarship more than anything. The spirit of our scholarship program recognizes high scholastic achievement as the key to out over all chapter excellence. It is the basic goal of our fraternity to maintain an environment fully conducive to the highest possible intellectual development on the part of each member.

Expected Fees from a New Member

House Bill- 8 payments per year of \$625

House Bills include:

National Dues

Water/Laundry

Electric

Cable/Internet

Food (17 meals per week)

Extras such as markups and fines

The Following Fees are Collected by KA Nationals:

Induction Fee: \$80 (first semester)

Initiation Fee: \$250 (second semester)

Dues and Insurance: \$122.50 (third semester)

Other items such as markups and fines may be charged to house bill

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Community Service

The brothers of the Kappa Alpha Order are dedicated to serving our schools, our community, and our nation. They offer their time and resources across the Midwest to lend a helping hand to those in need. Examples of services include, but are not limited to; volunteering at churches or as firefighters, participants of “Adopt-a-Highway”, tutoring at a local high school, donating blood, and participating in our annual Christmas party for the underprivileged children. The Beta Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order volunteer an average of over 100 hours per man each year.



Kappa Alpha and MDA

The Beta Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order is also an important contributor to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Our chapter raises approximately \$6,000 every year for MDA. During the year, we have several fund raising projects such as our Buffalo Barbeque. These philanthropic activities are excellent opportunities for brothers to have a terrific time while aiding the less fortunate.

Intramurals

Intramural sports present an excellent opportunity for brothers to take a break from studying, socialize with other students, and have the option to participate in every type of intramural sport. Although only some members can take part in the game, everyone enjoys cheering on their fellow brothers. We utilize the diverse talents of our members to perform well in the intramural competi-



Showing Our Social Side

Academics are always taken very seriously at Kappa Alpha, but we are a social fraternity and having fun is an important part of the college experience. We feel that social growth enhances a person's character and helps him become a well-rounded individual. Therefore, we always find time to take a break from studying and participate in college activities.

Greek Week Festivities

Greek Week is a celebration of the Greek way of life through friendly competition and socials. The week is filled with numerous events like the Greek games, which highlight special talents of many Greek organizations through things such as the chariot race (right), horse shoes, banner competition, and general sports.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Each year at the Missouri University of Science & Technology, students produce the largest St. Patrick's day party in the nation. Students, alumni, townspeople, and thousands of visitors take part in the excitement. Kappa Alpha always takes an active role in the week's festivities.

Tradition of the "Old South"

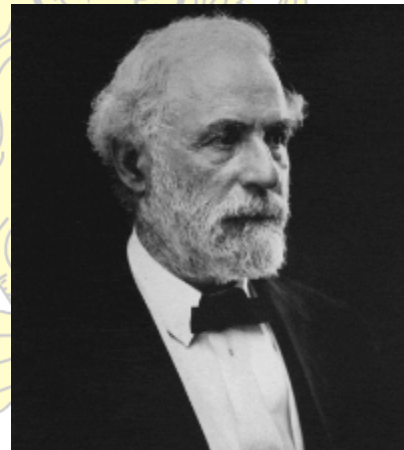
The week of "Old South" is a celebration of the ideals of chivalry and honor as portrayed by the gentlemen of the South. These noble actions are honored through various activities reminiscent of that time. This is a greatly entertaining week with a social function each night, including a hog roast and a bon fire. This highlight of the week is the "Old South Ball," held the final night at Lake of the Ozarks.





The Spirit of Brotherhood

The bond of brotherhood established within the Kappa Alpha Order is a bond that will last a life time. We share our lives for this brief time and build friendships that last forever. Because of this bond, Brothers are always willing to sacrifice for one another and the advancement of the Order. Once a man becomes a member of Kappa Alpha Order his is always a part of that brotherhood. When Alumni return, no matter how long they have been away, they are immediately recognized as part of our brotherhood. Quoting Thomas Carlyle, the Kappa Alpha Order believes that “the mystic bond of brotherhood makes all men one.”

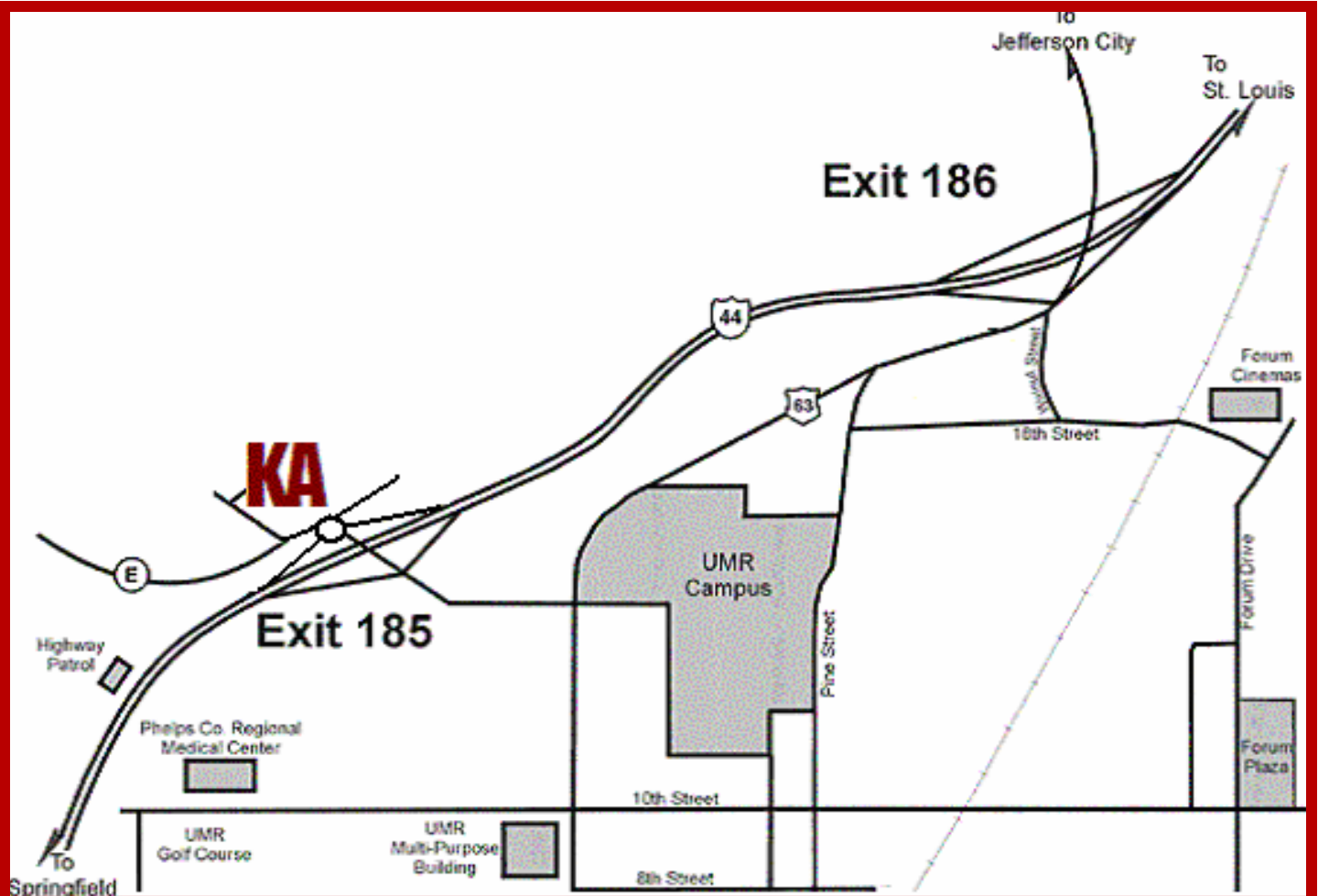


The Kappa Alpha Order’s commitment to excellence does not end with graduation. What you learn during college, your time here at KA, will influence you throughout your life. In addition, Kappa Alpha establishes for you a network of thousands of brothers across the nation from one of the 135 Kappa Alpha chapters who, due to the bond of brotherhood, will provide assistance whenever possible.

Many of this nation’s great citizens have carried with them the Kappa Alpha spirit of excellence: General George C. Marshall, former Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff, Secretary of State and Nobel Prize Winner; George S. Patton, World War II Commander, Ben D. Crenshaw, professional golfer; John D. De-Butts, former Chairman of AT&T; Danny Sullivan, winner of the Indianapolis 500; and Ted Weise, President and CEO of Federal Express Corporation (retired) and UMR graduate.

The reputation of Kappa Alpha Order will continue to flourish as members strive for excellence in all of life’s pursuits.

Directions to the House



Directions to Kappa Alpha

Take US Hwy 63/Bishop Ave. to University Drive.

(Across from the Havener Center)

Turn on University Drive towards I-44

Cross over I-44 bridge and enter roundabout

Exit roundabout at Hwy E

Take first right onto Fraternity Drive

Kappa Alpha is the first house on the right

Come on inside

FAQ

www.JoinKA.com

I've heard that fraternity members form really strong friendships... is that true?

As a matter of fact, one of the most important components of fraternity life is brotherhood. Strong, long-lasting friendships are formed at Kappa Alpha. There is always someone to play a pickup game of basketball on our lighted courts, to go on a 2:00 AM Wal-mart run, or to help you on that tough project. You'll never feel alone at MST when you've got your fraternity brothers around.

I want to succeed academically; will joining a fraternity help or hinder my efforts?

Getting good grades at MST can be tough. It takes hard work, commitment, and knowing how to use your resources. At Kappa Alpha, good grades are our number one priority, and you can take advantage of our facilities by using a network of members to use as study partners and even tutors. Also, all of our computers are wired through campus, so working at home is just like working at the library.

While you are ultimately responsible for your own success, four hours every weeknight are dedicated to studying for all freshmen, and various reward systems are implemented to promote good grades throughout the house.

I've heard fraternities emphasize leadership. What opportunities will I have at Kappa Alpha?

In fraternities, you're in charge. The fraternity experience affords you the opportunity for hands on training in the operation of a large organization. Whether you're the president and in charge of the entire chapter or the treasurer and responsible for the chapter's finances, at Kappa Alpha there are plenty of opportunities to become involved not only within the fraternity, but on campus as well.

We believe good leadership skills are gained through experience, so members are encouraged to join at least two campus organizations. Several of these individuals climb to the top of their organizations and become leaders within them.

Sounds great, but how much time does it take?

Like any organization, fraternities need their members' support at meetings and activities. Through your fraternity involvement, you'll learn how to manage your time and balance your academic work and fraternity commitments. However, in the event of a conflict with classes or studies, school takes precedent.

What happens once I join?

You're going to make a lot of new lifetime friends you'll soon call brothers. It's an exciting time... electing officers, planning socials, learning fraternity history, and getting to know more about yourself and your new brothers.



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