



# THE DRAGON'S TALE

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEBRASKA CHAPTER, THE ALPHA TAU OF BETA THETA PI

## CHAPTER PRESIDENT REPORT

It is my pleasure to share my final report for *The Dragon's Tale* and offer one last snapshot of the Alpha Tau chapter. Serving as president continues to be the most character-defining and fulfilling experience of my time at Nebraska. While I am excited to see what post-grad life holds, I will always cherish the lessons, skills, and memories I have gained here, especially my time as president of the Beta house. As my term concludes, my priority is to keep the chapter moving forward and deliver a seamless transition to our next group of chapter leaders. I'm fortunate to have had an executive team and advisors who match that responsibility with steady guidance and high expectations. (*Editor's Note: Elections were held in early November [press time for this newsletter], and new officers will be announced in future communications: the Alpha Tau Update and The Dragon's Tale.*)

In August, I traveled with **Will Blatchford '24** to the 186th General Convention in St. Louis, MO. Over four days, we spent meaningful time trading ideas with fellow collegiate leaders and General Fraternity leadership and left with practical training in values-based governance, risk management, and chapter operations. We came home inspired and with hardware in hand: **our 26th Francis H. Sisson Award for chapter excellence, the North Dakota Award for Alumni Communication, the Outstanding Alumni Relations Program Award, and our 19th John Reily Knox Award, the highest form of chapter recognition given by the General Fraternity.** This extends Alpha Tau's lead for the most Knox awards of any Beta chapter. These recognitions reflect the consistent efforts of many: undergraduates who buy into the work, advisors who show up week after week, and alumni whose support keeps our standards high.

Our fall calendar has been full, purposeful, and fun. We opened with the Dynamo campout formal on September 27, featuring a live concert where Beta members took the stage—a long-standing tradition and consistent highlight. On October 4, we welcomed families to Parents' Weekend at Pinnacle Bank Arena, shared background on The Experience Company, and recognized our new member scholarship recipients. This moment underscored why alumni and parents invest in this chapter. Our annual Burger Bash philanthropy on October 8 supported Lincoln Lighthouse, a local nonprofit founded by Beta alumnus **Pete Allman '76**. It gives brothers a tangible way to serve our community alongside fundraising. On October 10, we headed to Fort Worth for our travel formal, where the chapter enjoyed exploring a new setting together while representing Alpha Tau well. In mid-November, we will continue a favorite tradition

with a chapter sneak to The University of Alabama to connect with the Beta chapter there and catch a top-10 college football matchup between Alabama and Oklahoma. We will close the semester on November 21 with Winter Formal hosted by the Parent Alliance, a fitting capstone that celebrates the season and the hard work of our men.

Behind the scenes, we have focused on the habits that make success repeatable: clear expectations, reliable communications, and thoughtful preparation. Over the past few semesters, our chapter's GPA has climbed each term, and we aim to keep that trajectory by investing in study hours, peer tutoring, and stronger faculty connections. Within the house, our Kai Committee has kept expectations clear and consistent, enforcing high conduct standards that protect brotherhood and the chapter's reputation. Financially, we've prioritized disciplined budgeting and transparent oversight so chapter dollars stretch further and support what matters most. None of this work is flashy, but it is the daily discipline that sustains a healthy chapter culture.

To our alumni and volunteers: thank you. Your mentorship, generosity, and accountability are difference-makers for this chapter and for the men who call it home. We see it, we feel it, and we're working to be worthy of it. As we head into the back half of the semester, our goals are simple: show up for each other, lead with humility, serve our community, and finish strong. I'm proud of the progress we have made and optimistic about what is ahead.

As I close my final report as Chapter President, I want to leave a lesson I have tried to live by throughout my presidency: Attack problems, not people. When something goes awry, many are quicker to assign blame than to begin solving the issue. In my experience, acknowledging what went wrong, taking ownership, and moving with urgency gets you to a solution much faster and preserves trust. This philosophy has served me well, and I have no doubt it will travel with me wherever life leads. Thank you, brothers, for the privilege of serving in this position; you have truly given me an incredible gift. I thank God that I am, and always will be, a Beta.



Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,

**Nathan Siy '23**

Chapter President

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# HOUSE CORPORATION REPORT

While our chapter traces its roots to 1888 on the Nebraska campus, the chapter house we all fondly remember at 1515 R Street is quite a bit newer. General Fraternity President **Francis W. Shepardson, Denison 1882/Brown 1883** was quoted at the 1924 initiation banquet as saying, "Why don't you take these youngsters out of this wretched old house and put them in a chapter home worthy of them and worthy of you?" This launched a capital campaign that built the original structure (now east wing) of the chapter house. Dr. Shepardson returned two years later to dedicate the beautiful new chapter house on R Street on November 13, 1926.

November of next year will mark 100 years of Beta men calling the Georgian revival structure "home." We are just getting underway on planning for this important milestone, and we want to keep all alumni up to date on plans for next November. A key piece of that is making sure we can reach as many Nebraska Beta alumni as possible to bring them home for the 100th anniversary. Unfortunately, we have lost touch with many

Alpha Tau brothers, and we are asking for your help in reconnecting. Visit [nebraskabeta.com/alumni-missing-emails](https://nebraskabeta.com/alumni-missing-emails) to see the list of brothers for which we do not have current email addresses. If you can put us back in touch with anyone or report if a brother is no longer with us, please drop us a line at [updates@nebraskabeta.com](mailto:updates@nebraskabeta.com).

Student and Greek housing around the University continues to be competitive, and we want to not just maintain the current chapter house but also continue improving it to meet the ever-changing needs of today's students. We rely on your generous contributions to fund improvements. If you are interested in helping make the chapter house shine for its 100th anniversary or want to give a general donation to use at our discretion, please visit [nebraskabeta.com/support](https://nebraskabeta.com/support) to make a gift today.

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,

**Mark Antonson '04**

President, Beta Theta Pi Alumni Association of Nebraska

## RECRUITMENT REPORT

First, I would like to thank **Tobey Moylan '24** from Oconomowoc, WI, and **Braden Leach '25** from Lincoln, NE, for being part of Alpha Tau's recruitment team this past summer. We traveled thousands of miles to ensure new members for the current school year met chapter standards.

We had a fun and successful recruitment season, which ran from mid-May to the end of June. We hit the ground running with high-volume recruitment efforts and executed that plan effectively. We finished meeting our target of 34 new members. All 30 live-in spots for first-year students were filled, while the remaining five have chosen to live off-campus in university housing.

Academically, we recruited a strong class with a GPA of 3.9 and an average ACT of 25. We also awarded 10 \$1,000 scholarships at our annual Parents' Weekend on October 4, which is a valuable tool in attracting high-achieving young men.

At the chapter's request, we placed a higher emphasis on out-of-state recruitment. We signed eight new members from

South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Kansas, along with a strong core from Nebraska. See the listing on page 3 of this report.

We also had 14 legacies in this class; recruits who have a direct family member who is a Beta. This is the most in recent memory and was very satisfying to me, as many of their fathers, uncles, and brothers were people I had met before.

*(Editor's Note: See the Alumni News comments of Cameron Niroomand-Rad.)*

Overall, recruitment remains one of our chapter's top priorities. The support of both our alumni and active members made this process smooth. Our recruitment team's job was to get these men in the door. This new member class represents the future of Beta at Nebraska, and we are excited for them to complete the new member education process and demonstrate immense growth throughout their first year in the chapter.

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,

**Drew Gleason '23**

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# Welcome, New Members

**Will Callahan\***  
Shawnee, KS  
St. Thomas Aquinas

**Connor Holt\***  
Sioux Falls, SD  
Bishop O’Gorman

**Aidan Nachi**  
Lincoln, NE  
East

**Joseph Simon\***  
Omaha, NE  
Westside

**Trey Ryan Cech**  
Lincoln, NE  
Southwest

**DeRuyter Woods Jamison\***  
Lincoln, NE  
Southeast

**Ethan Nguyen**  
Lincoln, NE  
East

**Sam Spisak**  
Omaha, NE  
Westside

**Lewis H. Cockle**  
Lincoln, NE  
East

**Xander Jochim\***  
Omaha, NE  
Creighton Prep

**Cadillac Niroomand-Rad\***  
Papillion, NE  
Papillion La Vista

**Carson Tappa**  
Sussex, WI  
Marquette University High

**Aiden Corr**  
Norfolk, NE  
Norfolk Catholic

**Caleb Lefebvre**  
Woodbury, MN  
East Ridge

**Nicholas Phelan**  
Lincoln, NE  
Pius X

**Tomas Thielen**  
Bennington, NE  
Omaha Westview

**Brady Douglass\***  
Grand Island, NE  
Grand Island

**Samuel Lindsay**  
Lincoln, NE  
Southeast

**Michael Randa**  
Elm Grove, WI  
Catholic Memorial

**Cael Verzani\***  
Leawood, KS  
Blue Valley North

**Monte Faris**  
Hastings, NE  
Hastings

**Dylan Lukken\***  
Dakota Dunes, SD  
Dakota Valley

**Cole Randall**  
Lincoln, NE  
Pius X

**Tyson Wathor**  
Lincoln, NE  
Southeast

**Maddox Jeffrey Furst**  
Norfolk, NE  
Norfolk

**Colin McCammon**  
Chesterfield, MO  
Parkway West

**Noah Ryan\***  
Omaha, NE  
Scutt Catholic

**Callan Zegers**  
Lincoln, NE  
Southeast

**Ben Healey\***  
Omaha, NE  
Scutt Catholic

**Hudson Merkel\***  
Norfolk, NE  
Norfolk

**Peter Rygg\***  
Omaha, NE  
Elkhorn South

\*Legacy

**Jacob Heffelfinger**  
Papillion, NE  
Omaha Gross Catholic

**Sebastian Morales\***  
Lincoln, NE  
Pius X

**Eli Schneider**  
Hastings, NE  
Hastings

## Communications Report

This semester, I had the privilege of organizing our annual Dads’ Day and Parents’ Weekend events. Both weekends were a great opportunity to bring families together and show appreciation for the support our members receive from home.

For Dads’ Day on September 20, we invited fathers to join us at the Nebraska Union tailgate before the football game against the University of Michigan. It was a great chance for dads to meet one another, connect with members, and share in the Husker spirit.

During Parents’ Weekend on October 4, we hosted a full day of activities for families. We started with a silent auction and luncheon at the chapter house, where parents had the chance to tour the house and meet other families. After lunch, parents joined us for another tailgate at the Union before the Husker football team beat Michigan State University. Later that evening, we gathered at Pinnacle Bank Arena for the announcement of the new member scholarships (*see the Scholarship Report*). It was a memorable way to end the weekend and celebrate our brotherhood and new members.

The silent auction, organized by the Beta Parent Alliance, featured a wide range of exciting items and gift packages. Planning these events was a rewarding experience for me, and I hope everyone who attended had a great time. I want to thank the members of the active chapter and the Parent Alliance for their help in planning and executing these events. Their teamwork and dedication made both weekends a success.

This summer, the Alpha Tau chapter was honored with the North Dakota Award for the Best Chapter Newsletter at the Beta General Convention. (*Editor’s Note: Iowa State University and the University of Missouri also received a North Dakota award. See the President’s Report for other awards won by our chapter.*) The North Dakota Award represents a significant achievement for our chapter, as it recognizes the time, creativity, and effort that many chapter members, alumni, and Parent Alliance members spend producing our newsletter. Our chapter also has a great working relationship with Pennington & Company of Lawrence, KS, for the printing and mailing of our publication. We hope to maintain the quality and tradition of *The Dragon’s Tale* and continue to strengthen our communications with alumni while showcasing the accomplishments of our chapter.

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,  
**Aiden Makovicka '24**  
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## NEW MEMBERS FAST FACTS

35 MEMBERS

WHERE NEW MEMBERS COME FROM



14 LEGACIES



OMAHA METRO: 10  
LINCOLN: 11  
REST OF NEBRASKA: 6



# SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The men of Beta posted one of their best academic terms this fall, earning an all-house GPA of 3.624, above the house GPA of 3.623 from last fall. This performance reflects the leadership of our team, including assistants **Jack Naujokaitis '25** and **Tyson Klein '25** and the rest of our cabinet officers who support the chapter's 11 executive roles.

The team spent their semester meeting with anyone who needed help maintaining grades and conducting grade checks with those who had missed grades the previous semester. The team takes great pride in the fact that no one who missed grades in the fall semester missed again in the spring semester, which is a testament to their ongoing hard work.

Individual results were also outstanding: 29 brothers earned a 4.0 GPA, the most in the chapter's history. The freshman class led all classes with 12 perfect GPAs, followed closely by the sophomore class with ten perfect GPAs. Notably, **Josh Swanson '22** earned his eighth-consecutive perfect GPA and completed the impressive feat of maintaining a 4.0 throughout his college career. These scholars will be honored at our Princeton Dinner, a formal event funded by the chapter. At the current rate, we may need to expand the budget—which is a good problem to have.

Fall is off to a strong start with a new incoming class of new members getting their first taste of the rigors of college academics. The scholarship team is ready and willing to help them succeed academically through study hours, grade checks, and competition. We are excited to see how these new members can continue to meet and exceed the outstanding marks set by previous classes and to carry Beta to new heights academically.

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,  
**Jack Healey '24**

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Two years ago, our chapter, which is always focused on improving our house GPA, began discussing higher standards for members and offering recruiting scholarships. Please look at last fall's issue of *The Dragon's Tale* for more specifics: [nebraskabeta.com/sites/betathetapi/files/Dragon%27s%20Tale%20-%202024%20Fall.pdf](https://nebraskabeta.com/sites/betathetapi/files/Dragon%27s%20Tale%20-%202024%20Fall.pdf)

Below are the names of recipients of scholarships that were announced at the October 4 Parents' Weekend event at the Pinnacle Bank Arena:

Men of Principle – **Monte Faris**  
with funding by the General Fraternity

John Dean Memorial Recruiting Scholarship – **Peter Rygg**

Thomas N. Jacob Scholarship – **Ben Healey**  
(funded by Tom for a Beta law or pre-law student)

Grant Gregory Recruiting Scholarship – **Joe Simon**

Bruce McKeag Recruiting Scholarship – **Connor Holt**

Mike Wortman Recruiting Scholarship – **Nick Phelan**

Bill Duven Memorial Recruiting Scholarship – **Eli Schneider**

Thomas Beyer Memorial Recruiting Scholarship – **Tyson Wathor**

TJ Kinnick Memorial Recruiting Scholarship – **Colin McCammon**

Jim Farhart Memorial Recruiting Scholarship – **Tomas Thielen**

Additionally, we will be announcing the recipient of the Jon Wendt Honor Pledge Award at the 2026 initiation banquet.

# Philanthropy Report

It feels great to be back at 1515 R Street, and this year is already off to a fantastic start. Our new member class of 2025 began the semester by starting their required 20 hours of community service with Lincoln Lighthouse, our chapter's primary philanthropic partner.

To kick off the year, we hosted our annual Beta Burger Bash at the chapter house on October 8. It was an evening filled with great food, yard games, and brotherhood. Thanks to the support of our members and generous alumni, we were able to raise nearly \$2,500 for Lincoln Lighthouse. Later this semester, we will be hosting our second philanthropic event, a Thanksgiving dinner in partnership with Kappa Kappa Gamma, aiming to raise over \$4,000 collectively. More events will be planned in the months ahead. We want to build

on the Interfraternity Council's recognition last February that Alpha Tau has the philanthropy program with the most community impact on the UNL campus. Last spring, we held our most significant event of the year, Backpack in Black, in partnership with Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Pi Kappa Alpha. We raised \$14,000 for the Malone Center in Lincoln.

As a chapter, we remain committed to making a positive impact in Lincoln through our ongoing involvement with Lighthouse and our dedication to service and philanthropy.

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,  
**Josh Rohrig '24**

# NEW MEMBER EDUCATION REPORT

Another outstanding class of new members has joined Alpha Tau this fall, marking another exciting year for Nebraska Beta. The recruitment team worked tirelessly to bring in an exceptional group of men who represent the next generation of Beta leaders. This year's class stands out for its commitment to scholarship, leadership, and personal growth traits that have already been shown during their early weeks on campus. They come from a wide range of backgrounds but share one common goal: to embody the values of the Men of Principle initiative.

As with any transition to college life, the first semester has been filled with adjustments and discoveries. Many of the new members are living away from home for the first time, managing their own schedules, and learning how to balance academics, involvement, and brotherhood. Despite these challenges, the class has embraced the process and is thriving. Through Beta's new member education program, they are acquiring essential life skills, including time management, accountability, and leadership development that will benefit them long after initiation.

Working alongside Assistant New Member Educators **Theo Schmidt '25** and **Val Sewell '25**, the education team has built a strong foundation for the class' success. A structured academic support system, including weekly grade checks, study hours, and pledge father pairings, has enabled the group to maintain an impressive academic performance. The class has already demonstrated its dedication by earning strong grades and showing a genuine commitment to Beta's value of academic excellence.

Our education process continues to be strengthened by the ALEC 102: Leadership and Communication course, taught by **Pete Allman '76**, with assistance from the education team and me. Each week, members engage in discussions on identity, communication, goal setting, conflict resolution, and other leadership skills that align with Beta's principles. This program offers new members the opportunity to earn college credit while reinforcing the fraternity's mission to cultivate men of integrity, intellect, and initiative.

Beyond the classroom, the new members have been eager to immerse themselves in Beta traditions from the class campout, Dynamo, to our formal in Fort Worth, Texas. Their enthusiasm and teamwork have set a positive tone for the semester, and it has been inspiring to watch them grow closer as a class and as individuals.

We are grateful for the leadership and guidance of everyone who contributes to the success of the new member education process and look forward to watching this class continue to grow, lead, and uphold the values that define Nebraska Beta.

Yours in \_\_\_ kai \_\_\_,  
**Derrien Gatchel '24**

## Social Report

This past semester has been a great experience serving as the social chairman for the Alpha Tau chapter of Beta. I am a junior in the house, and while there is a great deal of emphasis on scholarship (as expected), we still know how to have fun.

The fall semester began on a high note with our Coast to Coast Semi-Formal in September. It was a great way to kick off the new school year. We followed that with our long-standing tradition, the Dynamo campout formal. Our very own Beta band delivered an outstanding performance that everyone enjoyed on a cool September night.

After having our "out-of-town" formal each of the past two years in Chicago, we embarked on our first-ever trip to Fort Worth, Texas, on October 11. It was an exciting new adventure for the chapter. We toured the TCU campus, explored the world-famous Fort Worth Stockyards,

and cheered on the Huskers during Nebraska's thrilling win over Maryland. Looking ahead, we are gearing up for our annual chapter sneak in November as we visit the Beta chapter at The University of Alabama. It will be Homecoming Week in Tuscaloosa, and we will watch the Crimson Tide take on the Oklahoma Sooners. To close out the semester, we will hold our Winter Formal on November 21. As usual, it will be even more special with the support and beautiful dinner hosted by our wonderful Parent Alliance.

It has been a great experience serving as the social chairman for the chapter, and the chapter has made many great memories.

Yours in \_\_\_ kai \_\_\_,  
**Oscar Parizek '24**

## INTRAMURAL REPORT

Although the intramural year has just begun, we are off to a strong start once again. This year, the University of Nebraska joined the Greek Basketball Association, a national league dedicated to competitive basketball games among all Greek houses at established universities. At press time, our team remains undefeated in the league and is aiming to achieve a national ranking. All classes have continued to field both softball and football teams, as in years past. Our chapter's all-house rosters in both sports appear poised to make deep postseason runs. The involvement from every class in our house continues to forge the camaraderie and lifelong bonds that define our fraternity.

Looking ahead, 3-on-3 basketball is next on the schedule, with each class assigned to a team. The senior class is aiming to defend its 5-on-5 basketball championship against the rest of the chapter house. We are also thrilled to have the reigning champions of the all-house indoor soccer team retake the field to defend their title. With such strong engagement and energy across all sports, our intramural program is off to a promising start this fall and looks to continue its dominance on the court, pitch, and field!

Yours in \_\_\_ kai \_\_\_,  
**Seth Kaminski '25**

# KARNES LEADERSHIP DINNER

The David K. Karnes Leadership Award and Scholarship was created following the death of **David K. Karnes '68** in 2020 by his fellow Beta brothers and is presented annually to an undergraduate member of the Alpha Tau chapter of Beta Theta Pi who, like Dave, has demonstrated high character and strong leadership qualities, including:

- The ability to influence, motivate, and lead people to achieve goals
- The ability to assemble an accountable and high-performing team
- The ability to collaborate with others, including those of diverse thinking and backgrounds
- Integrity
- Vision
- Known by peers, family, and friends for strength of purpose, strong work ethic, and selfless commitment to others



**Owen Crone '24**, the 2025 recipient, is the son of Kristin and the late Michael Crone of Omaha, NE. He is pursuing a double-major in Economics and Finance, with a minor in Political Science. He is the current Vice President of Alpha Tau as well as a mentor and leader in the Nebraska Human Resources Institute (NHRI) mentoring program. Owen is a Regents Scholar and a member of the Nebraska Business Honors Academy.

*“I am honored to be named the fourth Karnes Scholar and to follow in the footsteps of men who I have looked up to during my time in the house. I am incredibly grateful for those who came before me, and I am looking forward to a great final year as an undergraduate Beta.”*

The structure of this scholarship program draws inspiration from the esteemed White House Fellows model, centering on a selection process that identifies individuals of exceptional character, leadership potential, and a deep commitment to service. (*Dave was a White House Fellow in 1981, only the second Nebraskan to achieve that honor.*) Candidates are evaluated not just for what they have achieved, but for how they lead: through integrity, vision, humility, and the ability to bring people together to accomplish meaningful goals. We seek those who have demonstrated the capacity to inspire, the resilience to lead through challenge, and the drive to serve something greater than themselves.

As the number of recipients grows, the selection board will transition to being composed almost entirely of past honorees—leaders who understand firsthand the values and impact this scholarship represents.



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This model ensures continuity of standards while fostering a powerful network of alumni who are actively shaping their communities and industries. Our vision is to build more than a scholarship; we aim to cultivate a lifelong fellowship of service-minded leaders who challenge and support one another to do good, do well, and do it together.

On November 6, 2024, we gathered for a special dinner celebration at Happy Hollow Country Club in Omaha, graciously hosted by **Bill Dana '76**, to honor both the legacy of Dave and the accomplishments of the 2024 winner, **Nolan Connor '22**. Surrounded by past recipients, close friends and family of Dave, and Nolan’s parents, the evening was a heartfelt reflection on the values that define this scholarship: character, leadership, and service. It was a moving tribute to Dave’s enduring impact and a celebration of the future leaders who carry his spirit forward. The selection committee includes the membership of Kris Karnes, Dave’s widow. Each person must complete a detailed application to be considered, and Kris’s input is important in our final decision, as she has remained impactful and supportive in our efforts. Kris has also attended the awards dinners; her presence is a tribute to her feelings about Beta and Alpha Tau. Kris states:

*“Dave greatly valued his membership in the Beta brotherhood and would be very touched that his brothers award this annual scholarship in his memory. The three impressive recipients have embodied the values of leadership, curiosity, and service which Dave held dear, and it has been a pleasure for me to get to know them and their parents and to share a little about Dave. Dave would be honored that they are associated with this honor given in his name. I am excited to see how these young men and the future scholarship recipients develop their own brotherhood of ‘Karnes fellows’ and help each other grow both as Beta men and leaders in the years to come.”*

If you have any other interesting content/information on Dave, please let us know as we are accumulating as much as possible. If you wish to donate to the Karnes fund, checks payable to The Experience Company should be mailed to P.O. Box 22251, Lincoln, NE 68542. Write “Dave Karnes Memorial” in the Memo section of your check. You can also donate online with the following link: [nebraskabeta.com/support-tec](https://nebraskabeta.com/support-tec); please indicate your donation is for “Dave Karnes Leadership Fund.”

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,  
**Jarod Fox '20**  
**Kyle Auman '21**  
**Nolan Connor '22**  
Past Recipients

## WOODEN INSTITUTE

The **John and Nellie Wooden Institute for Men of Principle** offers an opportunity for initiated Betas, focusing on the Beta ritual and developing leadership skills. There were three sessions held this past May and June, and the Institute was held in Oxford, OH—the birthplace of Beta Theta Pi. The Institute, endowed in honor of long-time UCLA Men's Basketball Coach **John R. Wooden, Purdue '32** and his beloved wife, Nellie, brings together Betas from across North America. The purpose is to strengthen leadership skills, reflect on the Fraternity's ritual and values, and connect with brothers from other chapters. Throughout the week, we engaged in group discussions, leadership challenges, and activities centered around Beta's history and heritage, all while gaining a deeper appreciation for what it means to be a Man of Principle.

Four of us from our Alpha Tau chapter took the opportunity to attend, and we left the Wooden Institute feeling incredibly grateful for the strong, thriving chapter that we have on our campus. We were also inspired by some brothers who are experiencing different circumstances on their campuses. While the group sessions were impactful, the most meaningful moments came when we broke into smaller groups. Our connection on a personal level with members from other chapters will remain in our memories. What truly stood out were the late-night conversations we had with the Director of the Institute. Since our chapter is already in a great place and the four of us have developed as leaders through our own experiences, we found ourselves drawn to deeper discussions about the challenges our chapter faces and how to continue growing, despite already being a top chapter. On the final day, we had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with any Institute volunteer of our choice, applying what we had learned and asking numerous questions about leadership and chapter development. The experience left a lasting impression on all of us. During the drive back to Lincoln (over 11 hours), we could not stop talking about how we plan to bring those lessons home and continue strengthening Alpha Tau, hopefully as members of next year's executive team.

Representing **Luke Hamilton '25, Grant Beutler '25, and Charlie Deats '25:**

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,  
**Kaden Bachman '25**

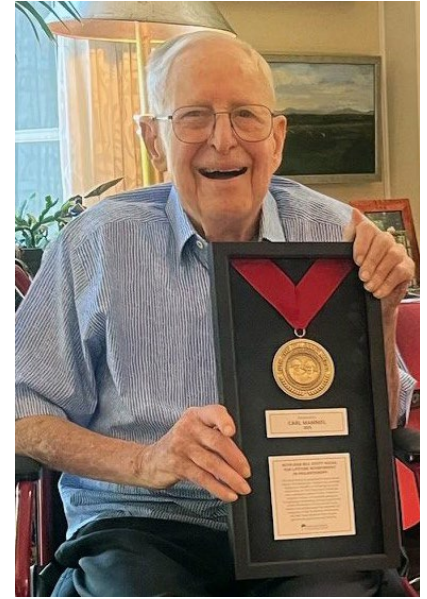
## Alumnus Carl Mammel Honored

In a July press release, Brian Hastings, the President and CEO of the University of Nebraska Foundation, announced that the Foundation has bestowed its inaugural award for lifetime achievement in philanthropy on **Carl G. Mammel '52** of Omaha. Carl is a prominent business leader, philanthropist, and alumnus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He was an honorary chair for our successful capital campaign to remodel the Alpha Tau chapter house in 2012.

The Ruth and Bill Scott Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy was named for Ruth and Bill Scott, two of the university's most transformational donors. The Scott Medal seeks to inspire a culture of charitable giving by recognizing outstanding philanthropists to the university.

As President of the Mammel Foundation, Carl's generosity has deeply impacted the University of Nebraska across multiple campuses. (*Editor's Note: It should be known that Carl's generosity and giving has also included the Alpha Tau chapter and the General Fraternity.*) His largest gift to the university system supported the construction of Mammel Hall, home of University of Nebraska-Omaha's College of Business Administration.

Carl has been a trustee of the University of Nebraska Foundation since 2000. Please join other Alpha Tau Betas in congratulating Carl on this well-deserved honor. His email is [carl@mammelfoundation.org](mailto:carl@mammelfoundation.org).



**Carl Mammel '52** was honored June 27, 2025, with the Ruth and Bill Scott Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy. (Credit/University of Nebraska Foundation)

## Parent Alliance Report

The Beta Parent Alliance held its annual silent auction fundraiser on October 4, at the Pinnacle Bank Arena during Parents' Weekend. Thanks to the generosity of Beta Theta Pi alumni, parents, and grandparents, we were able to raise funds that will directly benefit the chapter.

The funds raised through the silent auction are used to provide a Winter Formal for the men and their dates as well as to help purchase much-needed items for the Beta house. Some past examples are vacuums, water bottle filling stations, outdoor and common area furniture, and pool table accessories. Holding the silent auction during Parents' Weekend is an excellent opportunity for parents to connect not only with their son and his fraternity brothers but also with other parents. Our auction aims to encourage attendance and foster the right environment for these connections. We believe this will benefit our young men by creating opportunities for internships, shadowing experiences, and job prospects—alongside many new friendships.

This year, the Winter Formal is scheduled for Friday, November 21, and will provide a

formal setting, including a delicious meal and an opportunity to congregate and socialize. In addition to the Winter Formal, we are excited to share that we will be sponsoring and coordinating two additional events this semester:

Sunday, November 6 – Christmas Decorating. We help get the chapter into the holiday spirit and decorate the house for Christmas.

Sunday, December 7 – Dead Week Treats. We provide treats to help everyone power through Dead Week.

We also want to acknowledge a transition in leadership to Julie Feist, Lisa Thompson, and myself. We hope to continue the great work of Dorothy Endacott and Theresa Keane, whose sons graduated last year. We are grateful for their guidance and leadership over the last few years and are excited to work together to help this great group of young men. We can be reached at [parent.alliance@nebraskabeta.com](mailto:parent.alliance@nebraskabeta.com).

Respectfully,  
**Holly Beavers**

# Update on Dr. Dan Murman's Alzheimer's Research

**D**r. Daniel Murman '81 is in his second year of a five-year study examining the effects of two new medicines, lecanemab and donanemab, on slowing the progression of Alzheimer's disease in its early stages. Here is a link to last fall's *Dragon's Tale* article on the kickoff of the study: [nebraskabeta.com/sites/betathetapi/files/Dragon%27s%20Tale%20-%202024%20Fall.pdf](https://nebraskabeta.com/sites/betathetapi/files/Dragon%27s%20Tale%20-%202024%20Fall.pdf)



The project involves building a comprehensive data warehouse and registry for Alzheimer's and related dementia patients, which will integrate data from clinical care, cognitive testing, brain imaging, various biomarkers, and real-world data. The efforts will utilize big data to identify advancements in treatment and care. Significantly, this database will facilitate collaborative projects at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and other leading institutions.

Dan says, "We have made excellent progress in launching our clinical program to provide disease-modifying therapy to patients with early-stage Alzheimer's disease at Nebraska Medicine. These new anti-amyloid immunotherapies (Leqembi/lecanemab, Kisunla/donanemab) are complex and require extensive time and effort on the part of providers and the institution. As of September 1, 2025, we have 120 patients on one of these disease-modifying therapies. Currently, we have three infusion sites available in Omaha and one at the Buffett Cancer Center in Kearney, Nebraska." Here is the link for the full update from Dr. Murman: [nebraskabeta.com/sites/betathetapi/files/beta-ad-fund-update-2025-9.pdf](https://nebraskabeta.com/sites/betathetapi/files/beta-ad-fund-update-2025-9.pdf)

Dan's pledge brother **Tom Foley '81** is assisting him, and the Beta fundraising goal is \$1 million. Alpha Tau alumni have already donated over \$400,000, with an additional \$100,000 in additional commitments. Reach out to Tom Foley at [tfoley@hightoweradvisors.com](mailto:tfoley@hightoweradvisors.com), or contact Emily Tiensvold from the University of Nebraska Foundation at (402) 979-1110 to donate to the Beta Alzheimer's Dementia Research Fund; the Alpha Tau fund number is 01167940. Questions may be directed to Tom at his email address above.

This is a very ambitious project that deserves our Alpha Tau support. (*Editor's Note: According to the Alzheimer's Association, as of 2023, 6.9 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, and one in nine people aged 65 or over has Alzheimer's. The disease is expected to affect 13.8 million Americans by 2060.*)

## ALUMNI NEWS

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**Larry D. Johnson '64** was bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree by the University of Nebraska in May 2024, in part due to recognition of his long career and service with international organizations beginning in 1971 as well as his contributions to Nebraska and teaching. Here is the link to the article in last year's newsletter (page 8): [nebraskabeta.com/sites/betathetapi/files/Dragon%27s%20Tale%20-%202024%20Fall.pdf](https://nebraskabeta.com/sites/betathetapi/files/Dragon%27s%20Tale%20-%202024%20Fall.pdf). "LJ" has now "mostly" retired, and *The Dragon's Tale* asked him to recount some highlights of his remarkable career.

"I joined the United Nations (UN) Legal Office in 1971 right out of law school. I thought I would join the Foreign Service or the State Department after a few years. My first 15 years, starting as an entry level lawyer, was spent in New York City (NYC) helping legal experts draft treaties on various legal topics such as the law of treaties, countries 'breaking apart,' and international watercourses. During those first years, I had a new Soviet boss every five years. I was not in the Lincoln, NE, area of Havelock anymore. I was lucky in being sent to Geneva, Switzerland, every summer for legal expert meetings. After those initial years, I moved to the Office of the Legal Counsel (this time with European lawyers as bosses) where I was the 'parliamentarian' for most UN meetings in NYC, advising on rules of procedure, running meetings, and conducting voting. I advised on UN 'constitutional questions' and served for five months in the peacekeeping mission in the Balkans. I then left the UN to become the Legal Advisor of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria, dealing with nuclear security and safety issues, including inspections around the world to ensure countries are not 'siphoning' off nuclear material to make 'the bomb.' I then took my first retirement to do teaching at UC Davis Law School in California but returned to the UN to spend three years at the Yugoslav War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands. Next came the second retirement teaching, but again came back to UN HQ at the most senior level an American lawyer had achieved at the time: Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, serving former Secretary Generals of the UN Kofi Annan and Ban Ki-Moon, and dealing with legal aspects of sensitive political and international tribunal issues.

I proudly put in my UN office the certificate of appointment as Admiral in the Navy of the Great State of Nebraska, pictures of the Nebraska State Capitol, and of the Burwell, NE, rodeo. I worked with people from all over the world, with very different backgrounds, cultures, languages, interests, and different strengths and weaknesses. Everybody had to 'get along' for the work to get done, despite those differences. My Nebraska background, and especially the Beta experience in the 1960s, gave me a great basis for succeeding in the 'multinational' environment.

Following my UN retirement, I took up teaching at Columbia Law School for 11 years and continue doing a mini-course on UN Law at the Vienna Diplomatic Academy, as well as training UN diplomats from time to time. My wife and I continue to live in the same apartment in NYC, and I can be reached at [ldjohnson7@earthlink.net](mailto:ldjohnson7@earthlink.net)."

**BC Christenson '67** has moved from Arizona to Kansas. He provides the following update: "My wife, Deb, and I have lived in Oro Valley, AZ (near Tucson), for the past 17 years, having built our home there in 2003 and been there part-time before 2008. We both 'retired' from The Gallup Organization in 2006, after almost 40 years, before moving to Arizona full-time. We loved being in the desert but decided to move closer to our children and grandkids in Lawrence, KS, this spring. Our son and his family live in Lawrence, and we are now closer to our daughter and her

family in Denver. If you are in the Lawrence area, I would enjoy seeing you. Fair warning, I am still a golf nut, so bring your clubs.” BC’s email address remains: [bc\\_christenson@msn.com](mailto:bc_christenson@msn.com). (*Editor’s Note: See the underscore between “BC” and “Christenson.”*)

**Neil Moseman ’80** has been appointed as the Rural Development State Director for Nebraska, U.S. Department of Agriculture. In this role, Neil, who most recently worked for U.S. Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE), reports directly to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. This appointment caps a public service career that includes senior advisor and executive roles in the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, a cruiser officer in the U.S. Navy, and the State of Nebraska. Neil is a member of Alpha Tau’s Alumni Advisory Board and is active as a mentor. He can be reached at [neil.moseman@gmail.com](mailto:neil.moseman@gmail.com).

In related “family public service news,” Neil and his wife are proud of their son, **Jack Moseman, Kansas ’22**. Jack was recently commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and is now undergoing further training at the U.S. Marine Corps Basic School in Quantico, VA. Jack’s commissioning ceremony was on the west steps of the Nebraska State Capitol in June.

**Curt Wohlers ’91** has been promoted to East Zone Vice President at Nationwide Insurance. In this leadership role, Curt oversees Personal Lines Sales and Distribution across the eastern United States. He resides in Dublin, OH, where he and his wife are active supporters of the Gladden Community House, a longstanding settlement house that provides vital social services to children and families in urban Columbus. Curt is involved in our mentor program, and can be reached at [curtwohlers@yahoo.com](mailto:curtwohlers@yahoo.com).

**Greg Walklin ’03** has joined the Nebraska Public Service Commission as General Counsel. Greg will oversee the agency’s legal team and legislation and advise the agency’s five elected commissioners. Before his current position, Greg served with the Nebraska Attorney General’s office and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Greg was the President of the Alpha Tau chapter from 2005 to 2006. He is a past president of the Lincoln Bar Association and has served on the board of Lincoln Literacy for several years. Greg has also volunteered for Beta as Assistant District Chief, District Chief, and Regional Chief. Greg is active in our mentor program and can be reached at [gwalklin@gmail.com](mailto:gwalklin@gmail.com).

**Shaun Edgecombe ’19** joined Charles Schwab after graduating from UNL. Shaun has been involved in a rotational program working on the Corporate Strategy and Treasury Capital Markets teams. After completing one year of rotations, Shaun returned to the Corporate Strategy team. He was recently promoted to a role supporting firm-wide strategic planning and ad-hoc projects for senior leadership. Shaun is involved in our mentor program. He can be reached at [sedgecombe25@gmail.com](mailto:sedgecombe25@gmail.com).

**Grant Auman ’21** has been promoted to Legislative Correspondent at the United States Senate for Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID). Grant will be handling banking, tax, budget, energy, and other related issues. He is also attending Georgetown University Law Center this fall. (*Editor’s Note: Having staff attend law school while working is not unusual in Washington, D.C.*) Grant will be in the evening division, allowing him to continue his work on Capitol Hill while pursuing his law degree. Grant stated: “Thank you to everyone who has supported me during my undergraduate years and the law school application process.” Grant was particularly pleased with the help he received from Senator Crapo’s Chief of Staff, **John Hoehne ’69**. Grant served as Alpha Tau President in the 2023-24 academic year and can be reached at [grantauman@gmail.com](mailto:grantauman@gmail.com).

**Cameron Niroomand-Rad ’21** is from LaVista, NE. He joined Alpha Tau in 2020, and following him into the chapter are two younger brothers, **Cash ’23** and **Cadillac** (who is a new member this year). Cameron is a field engineer with Kiewit Building Group and was the subject of an article in the spring issue of *The Dragon’s Tale* (page 9). <https://nebraskabeta.com/sites/betathetapi/files/Dragon%27s%20Tale%20-%202025%20Spring.pdf>

Cameron offers this update: “A group of my pledge brothers flew back to Lincoln for the Nebraska vs. Michigan football game in September. We got to meet many of the new members, and it felt like a blast from the past. I’ve been trying to tell Cadillac how important schooling is in Lincoln.” Cameron can be contacted at [cameronrad01@gmail.com](mailto:cameronrad01@gmail.com).

**Trenton Ulrick ’22** has been heavily involved in his job with Amazon. His team has been involved in launching an Amazon Fulfillment Center in Elkhart, IN. He spent the summer in Knoxville, TN, training while the site was being completed, and at the same time, set a new site volume record during Amazon’s Prime event.

This fulfillment center in Indiana is the most technologically advanced in the entire Amazon network, spanning over 800,000 square feet. Trent’s role is tied explicitly to “area management.” As an Amazon Operations Outbound (OB) Area Manager, he leads teams to focus on the final stages of customer order processing. Core responsibilities include managing a team of 50 to 100 associates and coordinating millions of customer orders while maintaining quality and adhering to proper safety standards.

Trent offers this advice: “For those Beta undergraduates seeking a career or alumni considering a job change, fraternity members who have held leadership positions or managed events possess skills that translate perfectly to the role.” If you are interested in becoming an Amazonian, Trent can try to connect you with the appropriate point of contact. He can be reached at [trentonulrick@gmail.com](mailto:trentonulrick@gmail.com).

**Raymond Danner ’23** was featured in the spring 2023 (page 3) edition of *The Dragon’s Tale*. More than any recent Alpha Tau Beta, Raymond’s journey to UNL has been fascinating, traveling from his home in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to Nebraska.

Raymond is attending Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. Currently, he is unsure about the type of law he wants to practice. Still, he hopes to specialize in international law within the next 10 years, with a particular interest in transactional corporate law. He has not yet decided whether he will return to Dubai permanently, but he will remain connected to the city on both a personal and professional level. Raymond states: “Having come from such a diverse background has truly been a blessing; it has allowed me to connect and remain in relationships with people around the globe, many of whom are involved in diverse professional fields. My time at Beta played a pivotal role in shaping who I have become. The interactions I had with Betas throughout my three years at UNL were all positive. Notably, Betas were extremely welcoming to me. For instance, one of my close friends hosted me at his house for various holidays. Being embraced and welcomed from day one made the transition into undergrad much smoother than I could have hoped.” Raymond also tells us, “If there are any Betas who are interested in law school or attending WashU Law in particular, I would be more than happy to discuss law school matters, including the LSAT and law school applications, with prospective law students.” Raymond can be reached at [raymondddanner@gmail.com](mailto:raymondddanner@gmail.com).

## IN OUR MYSTIC SHRINE

If you have alumni news or information about the death of an Alpha Tau Beta for a future edition of *The Dragon's Tale*, email [updates@nebraskabeta.com](mailto:updates@nebraskabeta.com).



**Robert C. McConaughey '46** entered Our Mystic Shrine on August 14, 2025, in Reno, NV. Bob was AT 738 and was a retired advertising and publishing executive. He was a former resident of Tenafly, NJ. Born and raised in Lincoln, NE, Bob was a 1949 graduate of UNL. He served in an army psychological warfare unit in Tokyo during the Korean conflict. He began his career in advertising/publishing in 1953 as a farm-paper ad salesman in Lincoln, moving to New York City in 1955 for a Kansas City publisher. From 1960 until his retirement in 1991, he held advertising positions for several healthcare publications. He was a member and trustee of numerous civic organizations, and for many years served as an officer of the New York City Beta Club.

Bob is survived by his second wife, Jane Roberts, two daughters, one son, and six grandchildren. His first wife, Barbara, died in 2004 after 44 years of marriage.

**Willard "Wike" Scamman, M.D. '50** entered Our Mystic Shrine on March 23, 2024, in Rock Port, MO. The General Fraternity and Alpha Tau were only recently informed of his death. Wike was AT 822. He received a B.A. from Westminster College in 1953 and his Doctor of Medicine from Vanderbilt University in 1957. He served his Pathology residency at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago, where he also met his wife of 62 years, Diana.

After finishing his residency, they lived in Georgia before moving to Topeka, KS, in 1963. Wike worked for two Topeka laboratories for almost 20 years and started Topeka's first blood bank. In 1982, Wike established his own laboratory, Scamman Pathology Services, which provided services to Topeka hospitals as well as numerous small hospitals throughout northeast Kansas. Dr. Scamman served as the Shawnee (Kansas) County coroner three different times and held terms as the president of the Kansas Society of Pathologists and the Kansas Association of Blood Banks.

Wike enjoyed contributing to the youth of the Topeka area and helped establish a popular baseball/softball complex to allow children of all skill levels to play organized ball. He was also a founding member and president of the Washburn Rural Optimist Club.

Wike is preceded in death by his wife, Diana, and is survived by five children and nine grandchildren.



**George Edward Bates '58** entered Our Mystic Shrine on April 2, 2025. George was AT 978 and passed away in Bethesda, MD. George was born in Omaha, NE, and grew up in several Nebraska towns, graduating from high school in Geneva. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Nebraska. After his UNL graduation, he was an officer in the United States Navy, attaining the rank of Lieutenant. While aboard USS Raleigh (LPD-1—Landing Platform Dock) in 1965, Lt. Bates assisted in coordinating U.S. Marine landings and evacuating civilians during the Dominican Civil War. George then continued his education at the University of Michigan, earning his Master of Arts degree in history, and later pursued a doctorate in the same field at the University of Illinois.

In 1970, George was appointed professor of history at Winona State College (now University) in Minnesota and taught there for 14 years, also serving as Director of the Minnesota Historical Society's Southeast Minnesota Historical Center for much of that time. Following several academic moves, George established Bates & Associates Inc., with locations in Evanston, Illinois, and Germantown, MD, providing management consulting services to nonprofit organizations. He eventually retired to Great Falls, MT, in 2002, to be close to his family, who ranched in the Harlem area. George's survivors include two sons.



**James E. Gourlay '58** entered Our Mystic Shrine on August 26, 2025. Jim was AT 982. Jim was in the first graduating class at Lincoln, NE, Pius X High School, and earned his degree in business at UNL. Jim served his country in the United States Army. After graduation, he joined his father in the Gourlay Bros Piano business. After his dad retired, Jim took over ownership of the company and was known as a master craftsman at refinishing old pianos.

Jim loved playing golf and enjoyed watching the Huskers and Kansas City Royals. He had a wonderful sense of humor and loved making his friends and grandchildren laugh at his jokes. Jim served his Lincoln church for over 25 years as an usher. Survivors include his wife, Mary, three sisters, and three grandchildren. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Jim had a regular coffee group that met on Tuesdays at the Harbor Coffee House in Lincoln. He would often stop by a Beta group meeting at the same time and share stories.

# IN OUR MYSTIC SHRINE

**Bill Gotfredson '66** entered Our Mystic Shrine on September 14, 2025, and was AT 1180. "Gots," as he was known to many Betas, grew up in Omaha, NE, and Sioux City, IA. Gots obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from UNL in 1967 and completed his Juris Doctor in 1970. His obituary noted that, "During his college days, he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, where he would find friends for life and stories for decades."

Bill moved to Kansas City in 1970 to practice law. He was president of the Kansas City chapter of the Nebraska Alumni Association during the 1980s, never letting his love of the Huskers and a Runza fade. Bill was an incredibly loving and active father; even as his work got busier and the hours grew longer, he always made time to attend school performances, father-daughter dances, and sports games.

During daughter Halle's time in high school, Bill co-founded the Center Education Foundation to help bridge gaps in funding and resources for the school district and was chairman until 2024. He was passionate about the Foundation and remained a member of the board until his death.

*(Editor's Note: It was during Gots' time on this board that he met Amy [Wortman] Meirowsky, who is an educator in the Center School District in Kansas City, MO. Amy is the daughter of chapter counselor Mike Wortman '66, and Mike's wife Kathy.)*

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Channy, two daughters, Halle and Jillian, and his brother, Gary.



**Bennie Cohen '68** entered Our Mystic Shrine on July 9, 2025. He was AT 1245 and a resident of Hopkins, MN. He was born in Omaha, NE, and graduated from Omaha Westside High School.

After graduating from UNL, Bennie served two years in the United States Army in Germany. Upon his return to Nebraska, Bennie obtained another degree in journalism from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He then worked as a reporter and photographer for Omaha station KMTV before moving to Washington, D.C., where he worked for telecommunication firms, running a wire service and covering Congress, the White House, and the Federal Communications Commission. He remained with the Bell Telephone system and relocated to Minneapolis, MN, where he worked in public relations. He worked for the Minnesota Star Tribune until his retirement.

Bennie is survived by his wife, Kathy; children, Joel, and Gina; three grandchildren; and a brother and a sister. There were no formal services, but his family has a YouTube tribute to his life:

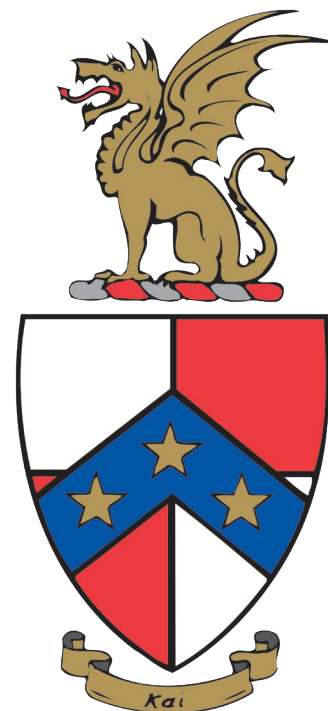
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**Jim Van Housen '68** entered Our Mystic Shrine on October 13, 2025. "Hose" was AT 1254 and an Iowa resident. He passed away after spending the past six years in a nursing home. There are limited details available at press time, but he will be buried in his hometown of Syracuse, NE.

**C. Garey Heider '73** entered Our Mystic Shrine on January 26, 2025, in Forest City, NC. Garey was AT 1403. He was a native of North Platte, NE, and a resident of Rutherfordton, NC, at the time of his passing. Garey was the Alpha Tau Chapter President in 1975-76 and a member of the Innocents' Society (the Senior Men's Honorary). Following his graduation from UNL in 1976, he worked for several banks in Nebraska, Wyoming, and Montana. He also worked for the State of Nebraska, Department of Economic Development. He managed his family ranch in Hershey, NE, until 2017. Once the ranch was sold, he and his wife, Susan, retired to the Blue Ridge Mountain area of western North Carolina.

Garey is survived by his wife, Susan; two daughters, Whitney, and Kelley; a sister; and two grandsons. Garey authorized memorial gifts to Lincoln Lighthouse, and Garey and Susan have provided a gift to The Experience Company as part of their estate planning. If you are interested in a gift to The Experience Company, please use the following link: [nebraskabeta.com/support-tec](https://nebraskabeta.com/support-tec).



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