



27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

# A.L. Slonaker Hall of Fame Awards

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

# Welcome...

## TO THE 27<sup>TH</sup> GAMMA-RHO HALL OF FAME AWARDS BANQUET



The 27th Annual Gamma-Rho Hall of Fame Award is being presented by the Gamma-Rho Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity on Friday, November 7, 2014.

Conceived as a way of honoring Kappa Sigma and Gamma-Rho alumni for outstanding achievements, this award has become an integral part of our tradition here at Gamma-Rho.

Inductees are among a select group of alumni. Recognition is given to those who have excelled in their career, or in their service to the community and/or to the fraternity.

In conjunction with the A.L. Stonaker Hall of Fame inductees, Gamma-Rho also honors an alumnus as the Mike Cagaly Man of the Year each year. Men of the Year are recognized for their outstanding service to the fraternity. The award honors Mike Cagaly and all the years of service Mike provided to the chapter.

This year's A.L. Stonaker Hall of Fame Inductees are:

James Rednor '69

Jim Murphy '80

Jay Freedman '90

This year's Mike Cagaly Man of the Year Award recipient is:

Steven Fullmer '75

# Program



Invocation & Moment of Silence

Introduction of Special Guests  
George Jenson '82

Dinner

State of the Chapter Presentation  
Jonah Weiss '13, Grand Master

House Corporation & Foundation Update  
(Century Club)  
Pat Murphy '65, House Corporation President

Presentation of Undergraduate &  
Scholarship Awards  
Matt Noble '84, Alumni Chapter President

Presentation of the A. L. Slonaker Hall  
of Fame Inductees  
George Jenson '82

Presentation of the Mike Cagalj  
Man of the Year Award  
George Jenson '82

Good of the Order

2014

# Award Winners



**Don Harris Outstanding Pledge Award**  
Matt Abbate

**Carl Cooper Intramural Athlete Award**  
Cliff Marg '12

**Pete Parker Hustle Award**  
Austin Castillo '13

**Joel Rapp Spirit Award**  
Nick Lau '13

**George Jenson Ritual Award**  
Nic Martino '13

**Taylor Heidenheim Outstanding House Manager Award**  
Austin Castillo '13

**Branden Lombardi Community Service Award**  
Charlie Yarrington '13

**Eric Stevenson Campus Involvement Award**  
Dylan Christopher '13

**David Stallings Outstanding Officer Award**  
Jonah Weiss '13

**Ryan Anderson Outstanding Active Award**  
Nic Martino '13

**Matt Noble Outstanding Senior Award**  
Nic Martino '13

## MAN OF THE YEAR

# Steven Fullmer '75



Brother Fullmer is Founder and President of Blue Sphere Solutions, LLC, a project management and technology consultancy. Steven holds Project Management Professional (PMP), Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT) and CompTIA Technical Trainer (CTT+) credentials, and numerous technical certifications. Steve applies his skills as a staff instructor for Interface Technical Training. Several of his courses have been professionally produced as video series and are currently being internationally distributed through Lynda.com.

His career experience includes architecture, development, and project management of core mainframe operating system elements, super computers, microprocessor and personal computer networking, and system security. He is an expert in Internet technologies, including participation on the team that first commercially deployed SSL for HTTPS. Steven served AG Communication Systems/Lucent Technologies as a subject matter expert in the development of Voice over IP and a broad range of Internet related technologies as a visionary, lead architect or project manager.

Steve was initiated at the Theta Delta Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Willamette University in January 1975. While at Willamette he completed Bachelor's degrees in Chemistry (Biochemistry) and Biology (Zoology). He studied Biochemistry at Arizona State University before starting his IT career, later returning to complete a Services Marketing MBA in 1993.

Kappa Sigma most expanded Steve's vision toward leadership and service to others. He is a lifetime member of the National Eagle Scout Association and has served as a volunteer leader at the pack, troop, district, council and national levels for more than 40 years. He is a past president of the Heard Museum Council, a federally licensed wildlife rehabilitator, past alumni president for Brophy College Preparatory, past president of the Xavier College Preparatory Dads' Club and a current member of the school advisory board. At the international level, he is a past regional chieftain for Clan Clan (Carroll), and a recipient of the Knights Cross International Order of St. Stanislas (KC-StS - Class V). He has also served Kappa Sigma as ADGM, a national commissioner, multi-term president of the Greater Phoenix Alumni Chapter, and as Trustee to several chapters including Gamma Rho.

"Brotherhood extends beyond our tenure at any specific university, our era, a specific generation, our careers or interests, or any other artificial barrier that we might imagine. Kappa Sigma's have the ability to lead the planet we call home to a brighter future. The vision, the mission, and the effort should never be allowed to dim."

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

# James Rednor '69

Brother Rednor graduated from the University of Arizona in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, a degree he has put to use since. After spending six years with Universal Oil Products, he has started up four businesses in the Industrial Water Purification Industry, three of which were sold to major corporations.

He founded and was President of Aqua Con of Arizona, sold to Polymetrix in 1986, then co-founded and served as Vice President of Fluid Tec systems, which was sold to Ionics, a division of General Electric in 1991. Rednor then was Co-Founder and President of CMW Services which grew to be the largest industrial water purification company in the Southwest U.S. CMW Services was selected in 2002 to the INC. 500 List of the fastest growing private companies in America, a list which included Cold Stone Creamery. CMW Services was sold to Siemens Corp. in 2005.

He then led the organizational start-up of CMW Defense Equipment, which specializes in military applications, supplying advanced water purification systems for Navy warships. He currently serves as President.

"When I first came to University of Arizona as a freshmen I was lost. I went thru rush and visited many fraternities. I came to Kappa Sigma and immediately felt at home. The brothers were much more down to earth than the others and I felt an immediate bond."

"Becoming a brother of Kappa Sigma changed my whole life. I learned what it really meant to be part of a brotherhood. This would include meeting lifelong friends and being part of an organization where you cared about other people and they cared about you. The brothers I met and the skills I learned were integral for my business success over the years. One of my brothers got me into the industrial water purification business which I still am in today, 33 years later."



## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

# Jim Murphy '80

"Whatever you do, do well, and may success attend your every effort." So claims the Bononie Docet, and so Brother Jim Murphy can attest.

Murphy is the owner and chef of both The Kingfisher Bar and Grill and Bluefin restaurants. The Kingfisher opened in 1993, the Bluefin in 2005. Both they, and he, have been piling up the accolades since. The Kingfisher Bar and Grill, for example, has won the Tucson Weekly "Best Seafood" title each year since 2003, with Bluefin routinely taking second. He has also won back-to-back Copper Chef challenges in 2008 and 2009. And he has been kind enough to host Rush Pref Dinners as well as numerous Gemma-Rho Alumni Luncheons.



Jim was initiated into Gemma-Rho in 1980 when we last re-founded the chapter. As an undergraduate he was a GMC and helped with the food for FUBAR (a sign of things to come). He has been involved locally with the Primavera Foundation and as a founding member of the Tucson Originals where he served as treasurer. Jim and his wife, Jackie, have two children: John (19, a junior at NAU) and Natalie (17, a freshman at the University of San Francisco).

"I have not kept up with many of my Brothers, yet when we do see each other it is a genuine interest in each others lives that has always struck me. Being a part of Kappa Sigma was more than just having some buddies in the same class or living in the same dorm in college. The time spent with the Gemma-Rho Brothers was for me a definite enrichment of my lackluster collegiate experience at The University of Arizona. Since the U of A I have continued my academic endeavors in other schools but have not had the opportunity for "life" reasons to share the same kind of experiences I had with the Brothers of Kappa Sigma.

"As for advice for undergrads, finish before you are 50, learn from your Brothers and don't @#\$%^&~up"

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

# Jay Freedman '90

Jay Freedman was actually planning on going to Tulane prior to his campus visit to U of A. "I was Pre-Med and knew I wanted to go somewhere warm where I could try and play my way onto a Golf team. I loved the campus and the climate, U of A had a great cancer research center and the fact that it was 10k per year less than Tulane helped get my Mom and Dad on board."



Jay went through rush and spent time at Gamma-Rho at the urging of his older brother, Kappa Sigma at Carnegie Mellon. Good call. "Meeting folks during rush named Satan, Box, Spidey, Stumper, Lou, Juggles, Bundy, Beaker and Scruffy, all but solidified my feelings about the Fraternity not being for me," he jokes. Kidding aside, "In Gamma-Rho, I found a different environment, where diverse individuals achieved a common goal by maintaining their individuality...no sacrificing it and where a new brother could get involved and make a difference."

Initiated in 1990, Brother Freedman went on to serve as the Rush Chairman, Philanthropy Chairman and President of the chapter. Freedman's term as Grand Master saw him win Kappa Sigma's GM of the Year award. He was also President and founder of University of Arizona French Club. He graduated Cum Laude from the University of Arizona with a Major in French and a Minor in Economics.

Brother Freedman is currently the Director of Wealth Management for USAA in the Houston market. Prior to USAA, Jay was a Senior Vice President with Wells Fargo Advisors. During his 16 years career at Wells Fargo Advisors, Jay served as a Financial Advisor and in various leadership roles, his last leading and supporting an office of 23 Financial Advisors in their Private Client Group in Houston.

Jay joined USAA seeking more mission and purpose in his work and was inspired by USAA's mission to serve the military and their families. He holds the CFP®, ChIA®, and CRC® certifications. He is also a Registered Corporate Coach™, a certification he received from the Worldwide Association of Business Coaches.



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Jay and his wife of 13 years, Jennifer, have a 11 year old daughter named Madeline and a 8 year old son named Aaron. The former Philanthropy Chair continues to volunteer his time, helping United Way, USAA Pen Pals, and the Houston Area Food Bank. In his spare time, Jay loves to coach his son's soccer team, golf, cook, and spend time with his family.

"Having come from a small town in Connecticut, Kappa Sigma provided me a connection to a smaller community at a very large University. Gamma Rho provided me lessons in leading and following that I could have never received in a classroom. I learned about the importance of relating and flexing to brothers of varying ages, styles and backgrounds. Lastly, I learned the meaning of true friendship and brotherhood. Jay concludes, "I am grateful and proud of my Kappa Sigma membership and service and to this day include on my resume and welcome the opportunity to share with others the importance of my fraternal experience."





A SPECIAL

# Thank You

## A SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR CHAPTER:

### Staff:

Pete Corrigan, *Career Coach/Faculty Advisor*

Logan Richmond, *Cook*

Fred Ronstadt, *Resident Advisor/House Director*

### Advisory Board:

Mark McLeer '88, *Alumnus Advisor*

George Jenson '82, *Asst. Alumni Advisor*

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Steve Dean '84

Jay Freedman '90

Scott Gimple '90

David Gosselin '01

Benjamin Graff '98

Don Harris '59

George Jenson '82

Nick Macerone '13

Matt Mayberry '05

Andy McEldowney '83

Steve Napoles '94

Carl Russell '59

John Turner '70



*"The Star and Crescent shall not be  
worn by every man, but only by him who  
is worthy to wear it*

*He must be a gentleman...  
a man of honor and courage...  
a man of zeal, yet humble...  
an intelligent man...  
a man of truth...*

*one who tempers action with wisdom  
and, above all else, one who walks  
in the light of God."*

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or college term only... but for life.



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