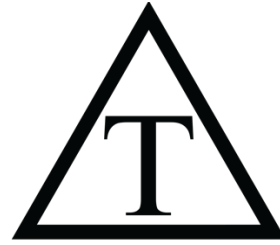


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Editor

Brother Grant Meadows

Pledge Class of Fall
2016

A Note from the Editor

Triangle Fraternity is a national fraternity, something we all forget sometimes. Recently, brother Kevin Sladowski (wis17) traveled to Phoenix, Arizona, to attend the Triangle Fraternity National Convention 2017. As many of the brothers (myself included) have never been to the National Convention, I wanted to share some of Kevin's experiences.

Not surprisingly, he said a lot of the Convention focused on legislative voting and changes to the bylaws. However, many of the votes focused on altering the Ritual. Nationals wants to make the Ritual easier to understand, as they feel the current system does not help pledges fully understand the meaning of this ceremony.

The Wisconsin chapter is trying to add new members, with a goal of 30 active members by 2020. As such, Kevin shared what the keynote speaker at the Convention said about adding new members. Lori Hart, a frequent lecturer on Greek life, said, according to Kevin, to focus on the benefits of joining Triangle Fraternity, and spend less time differentiating ourselves from other fraternities.

Finally, when asked whether he would attend another National Convention, Kevin enthusiastically said he would. He said it was a lot of fun, and it helped him understand what it means to be a national fraternity.

Executive Board Articles



Evan Schertz
President

The Triangle House has been as busy as ever. What's new, right? As the Spring semester began we set a few main goals for the chapter. As always recruiting members was a major goal. A few others were to

create more organization within the chapter, get more involved with other organizations, and improve the house for future brothers.

As the spring semester started recruitment was our biggest concern. With the help of new brothers that were very passionate about Triangle, we gained one of our largest pledge classes in a couple semesters. The fall pledge class and spring pledge class are already getting involved. We are looking to continue to grow our chapter with very enthusiastic brothers.

Throughout the semester we strengthened our relationship with A.O.E. by cohosting a family feud game night. We also help support their chapter by attending and bringing friends to their fundraising and philanthropy event. Another organization we are creating relations with are Pi Lambda Phi. Since they moved their house to Breese Terrace forming relations is much easier. We attended their classy dress night and plan on hosting one with them in the fall. Lastly, we are starting relations with the Society of Women Engineers. Hopefully these relations will continue to flourish.

For the longest time, the city has been on our back about our driveway washing out. Brothers are also sick of shoveling up the washed-out gravel. This problem is finally being resolved. With the help of a couple of dedicated alumni the driveway will be freshly paved for the football season. Another house improvement is the repainting of the basement floor. This cleaned up the look of the bar room and created a more inviting place to hang out in the house. Lastly the latest pledge project has been added to the house. The pledges created extremely clean-looking pool table lights.

Last, but one of the most important, is the organization of the chapter. As a start, we combined some of the smaller positions such as office and secretary to eliminate menial tasks. We also improved the use of a

PowerPoint document for the meetings. By using PowerPoint, we can cover more material in the same amount of time.

My goal is to improve on the organization of the chapter by creating a turnover document with all the information they need to do their job. There has been a very poor record of position turnover. By creating a binder with a record of the contacts the position needs and duties the position needs to do, we won't have to rely on tribal word to keep the chapter running. Nationals has provided us with a useful tool for each chapter to use. Triangle Connect is a great resource where we can store all our documents, keep record of positions and points, and keep online financial record for each member. It also allows members to pay online with a card rather than a check or cash.



Stephen McManus
Vice President

Brothers,

As another school year comes to a close, I am extremely excited about the development of the Chapter. We are again making progress on many fronts, such as growth/retention, Brotherhood week, and pledge education. This year, I was again afforded the opportunity to attend Leadership Training Weekend, accompanied

by Evan Schertz, Brodie Gross, and Sam Topel. Here we gained a plethora of knowledge to attack some of our Chapter's most trying issues. Steven Tang with the assistance of Sam and Brodie displayed exemplary prowess in the field of recruitment, gathering a total of 8 pledges in the spring semester. This is a feat rarely accomplished, and I commend them on their hard work! Again, we've gathered a group of extraordinary men with varying interests and a multitude of abilities, which will benefit the Chapter. That being said, I am happy to welcome our newest members into our Brotherhood. I am already astounded by their initiative, as many will be taking officer roles this upcoming semester, and anxiously await to see their development in the Chapter.

As my first semester as Vice President ends, I am happy to say the steps we've taken regarding pledge education and Brotherhood week are yielding great benefits. This semester, with the assistance of Evan Schertz, I rolled out my initial version of the Triangle Brother "Qualification Card." This card ensures each new member has the requisite knowledge to be successful in the Chapter, covering a range of topics spanning from fulfilling community service hours to displaying proficiency in recruitment techniques. This all was made to assist new Brothers with their transition into the Active Chapter. Overall, the consensus from most of the new members was this was extremely beneficial to their experience and armed them with the tools to be a successful member.

Brotherhood week this year was yet again a blast, though its proximity to midterm exams put us at a slight disadvantage. We retained several of the events that were notably favorites from the past few semesters: Sett Dinner/Problem, Basement Bridge Building, and Father/Son night. New events added this semester

include an escape room problem set and a scavenger hunt around Madison area. The escape room was a hit for all that attended, as this experience required both Brothers and Pledges to work together to solve a challenging puzzle. I hope to continue its role in the week, though it will require some financial budgeting if we continue to achieve these recruitment numbers! While reviewing previous years' Brotherhood Week events, I stumbled upon a scavenger hunt utilized by previous year's members. We revived this event and turned it into an event that defines how Triangle fits into our community. Some additional work will need to be put in to assure its continued success, but I believe this will become another staple event of Brotherhood Week.

As for plans for this upcoming semester, I plan on revising the qualification card to include additional topics from each week's Pledge Education and include specific event tasks for Brotherhood Week, weekly Brotherhood events, Social, etc. Additionally, I wish to modify some of the pledge education lessons to provide the pledge with more activities, remove some of the PowerPoint education, and include a heritage/tradition lesson each week. As always, any input you might have would be greatly appreciated and do not hesitate to contact me at smcmanus2@wisc.edu. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you at alumni socials or Badger Football games. In F, S, &C,
Brother Stephen McManus (wis15)

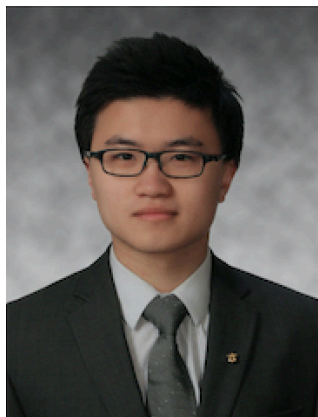


Xiao He Treasurer

Transitioning into the Treasurer's role this semester has been challenging as I was taking a full time co-op simultaneously. Luckily, with the help of Brother Kevin Clark and Brother Dan Hayes, I was able to help the chapter navigate through house improvements and brotherhood events financially. This semester we established a budget pre-approval system in order to eliminate the long haul of the reimbursement process. As a result, we witnessed the increasing willingness for brothers to take on organizing events for Brotherhood Week, Social and Recruitment.

With the eight newly initiated brothers and ongoing growth of the chapter, we are set for a more stable fiscal year and a more flexible budget. I am excited to work alongside chapter officers to set up Chapterspot system for a more transparent budgeting and recording structure. With chapter growth continuing, we will not be where we are without the support of the alumni. I want to express our gratefulness to all alumni who supported the chapter, and encourage all alumni to continue supporting the chapter, so all the junior members may have a great brotherhood experience.

In F, S & C
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Renjie Tang
Recruitment

It's been a great recruitment season and a great semester. We successfully educated and initiated eight new members, making Triangle Fraternity Delta Chapter grow. They are Parth Patel, Siddarth Ramesh, Andrew Geng, Kevin Sladowski, William Moen, Benjamin Gordon, Daniel Wendt, and Jonas Klare. Our observations of the pledges during the rushing and member education periods lead us to believe that these new members will be a good fit for our chapter.

We did well in hosting recruitment events. They were well organized. They also attracted and interested a lot of people. I hope this can continue in the next semester. Special thanks go to my two great recruitment assistants, Brodie Gross and Sam Topel, for helping me set up events and contact people. And special thanks to the brothers who brought their classmates and friends into our chapter.

For the next semester, I am hoping that the chapter can better implement Recruitment 365, as discussed in the national meeting. I want the name of Triangle to be continually known by people, and I want to draw in more quality pledges. Have a great fall brothers!



Kyle Sirbasku,
House Manager

This semester we focused on small improvements on the main floor, and downstairs. We focused on improving the looks of the house with multiple painting jobs. We also improved the aroma of the house with multiple Air Wicks, a first for the house. President Evan says that the office room now smells like Hawaii! The study room, first cleaned last semester, continues to be used frequently by brothers for their coursework.

Going forward, we are looking to improve the ventilation of the basement areas. Unfortunately, the house was uncomfortably warm during several recent social events, so improved ventilation is a new goal for the brothers. By talking to the University of South Dakota Triangle Chapter, the brothers have a sense of what to shoot for in ventilation.

As part of an effort to improve the cleanliness of the kitchen, a camera was installed and operated in the kitchen until Spring 2017. Unfortunately, the camera was destroyed by an act of vandalism, but the new Kitchen Manager, Brother Evan Kivolowitz, has promised to install a new camera, with software that no one can hack.

One of the greatest improvements to the house was the backyard reconstruction, which happened halfway through August. The old shed and the tree in the back was removed, and the area was covered in asphalt, concrete, and brick.

During the summer, the basement bar room floor was painted grey. It was a project that should have commenced several years ago, but now that its finished, it really improves the aesthetics of the bar room. Come to the upcoming football games to enjoy this improvement to the bar room.

packed Fall to the more chilled pace of Spring was not difficult, but it was demanding a creative approach. My solution was to organize a greater proportion of Brotherhood Events. Of these, the Movie Nights drew more brothers than previous attempts, possibly due to the open-ended viewing options (regularly decided upon the night of). With these previous exercises in tameness behind me, I hope to bring far more imaginative solutions to our weekly selection of Brotherhood Events in the Fall Semester.



Jon Brandenburg

Member Relations

As hoped for, the Spring Semester was another win for Risk Management. In keeping with the policies of my predecessors, the success is in part thanks to a dynamic and flexible approach to the management of risk. From a managerial perspective, there can be advantages in the creation of new guidelines, backed up by a rigid enforcement of them. However, my experience has revealed such rigidity is regularly surpassed by treating everyone as fully-capable agents, with some solid ground rules to work from, of course. Adjusting the weekly programming from the activity-

Chapter Eternal

Robert Kohn (wis53)

Robert Charles Kohn died on March 29, 2017. He lived in Jenner's Pond, Jennersville, PA. Prior to that, the Kohns had resided in Landenberg, PA. and Hockessin, DE. They also have a home in Bethany Beach, Delaware.

He was born in Hustisford, Wisconsin, on April 29, 1934. His parents were Waldemar and Ferne Kohn. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was an instructor of Drawing and Descriptive Geometry at the University and was a member of Triangle Fraternity.

Bob married Sara Towell on September 5, 1958. They met as students at UW. She passed away on November 7, 2013 after 55 years of marvelous married life. She was dearly missed.

He worked for DuPont for 38 years before retiring in 1994 as Business Director, DuPont Fluorochemicals. He held sales, marketing and business positions including assignments as Senior Account Manager in the Petroleum Chemicals Division, Regional Manager "Freon", Manager of Distributor Relations and National Accounts in the Explosives Division and, later, National Sales Manager in the "Freon" Products Division. He served as Administrative Manager in the Marketing Division of the Chemicals and Pigments Department and as Manager of Marketing Services prior to his assignment as Business Director - Fluorochemicals.

Bob was a long time member of Grace Lutheran Church, Hockessin, and served on the church councils at Lutheran churches in Syracuse, Wilmington and Hockessin.

He was a board member of the University of the Wisconsin Alumni Club of Delaware and served three terms as President.

He attended the Academy of Life Long Learning and volunteered for Meals on Wheels, the St. Stephens Food Pantry, the Make-A-Wish triathlon, the McDonalds LPGA, the Riverfront Arts Center, the Delaware Antiques Show and the Winterthur Museum and was a bell ringer for the Salvation Army. He had been a member of the DuPont Country Club.

Bob and Sara traveled extensively in Europe and Asia and spent every February for over 20 years in St. Thomas. Bob also traveled frequently to South America and Southeast Asia on business activities.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife Sara, and his grandson, Andrew Brady Kohn.

He is survived by his 3 children, Andrew (Kristen), Johanna (Thom), and Kristina Hahn (Christian), his brother William and wife Margaret of New Hudson, Michigan, and by 9 grandchildren.

Jeffery Parker (wis76)

Jeffery William Jeff Parker January 18, 1953 - January 5, 2017 San Diego. Jeffery William Parker, age 63, passed away, unexpectedly of natural causes, on January 5th 2017 at his home in San Diego, CA. He was born January 18th 1953, in Beloit, WI, to Douglas and Winifred (Stacey) Parker. He is survived by his parents, eight siblings Michael, Stephen (Jill), Bruce (Theresa), David, Roger (Marie), James, Kristine Presley (Michael), and Cynthia Dupuis (Henry), fifteen nieces and nephews, and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Benjamin and Luella Parker and maternal grandparents Daniel and Myrtle Stacey. Jeff was raised in Wisconsin, attended the University of Wisconsin Madison and graduated with a degree in 1977 with a BS-ME Mechanical Engineering/Business (Quantitative Analysis). He later received many degrees and certificates in renewable energy and was very passionate about protecting the environment. Amongst other things, Jeff was Sr. DeMolay, PMC, Chevalier, LOH, Chapter Advisor, Master Mason, Past Master, and 32 Degree Scottish Rite. He was also a member of Triangle Fraternity in Madison, WI. Jeff was a compassionate man and offered up countless hours of volunteer services. His interests were

singing (Barbershop/A cappella in church, with the Sun Harbor Chorus and The Phoenicians Chorus), ballroom dancing, bicycling, gardening, PC tutoring and travel.

Dale Sievert (wis52)

Dale Sievert, 88, of Freeport, died Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at Manor Court in Hospice Care, from respiratory complications due to Parkinson's disease. Dale was born May 15, 1928, at Traverse City, Michigan, the son of Reinhold and Elsa (Schuneman) Sievert. Dale married Janice "Jan" Monjeau on September 7, 1953, in Menomonie, Wisconsin. Dale served in the U.S. Navy Air Corp, stationed at Pensacola, Florida. He received his B.S. Industrial Arts degree from University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, WI, and B.S. Electrical Engineering degree in 1954, from University of Wisconsin-Madison. He had an artistic capability that served his engineering career well. Dale's employers - Honeywell, Northrop, Woodward-Governor, have fractional horsepower motor patents with Dale's name as designer. Dale was an Eagle Scout and was involved in the troops of his sons, as well as Little League and the activities of his sons during those years. Dale took to retirement in 1993 with enthusiasm, doing some consulting work, taking art classes at Highland to renew his interest in painting and hung his paintings all over the house. Dale enjoyed time with Ham Radio enthusiasts, those who use this old reliable communication technology, swapped equipment, and spoke with other Hams at far reaches of the globe. Dale played a lot of golf with the Senior League, was a member of Golden K Kiwanis, Amvets, as well as Evergreen Masonic Lodge, and a member of Tebala Shrine. Dale was a member of First Lutheran Church and served on the Council and as Treasurer over the years. He is predeceased by his parents in 1993; his brother Jim, in 2011; and by his son, Roger, in 2011. Dale is survived by his wife, Jan; son, Bob and his wife, Jan; and two granddaughters, Amanda and Megan of Monument, Colorado.

Schedule of Events

Football Game

Sep 11 *The Badgers play Florida Atlantic University at home.*

Football Game

Sep 30 *The Badgers play Northwestern University at home, along with an Alumni Reunion dinner at the Triangle House.*

Football Game

Oct 14 *The Badgers play Purdue University at home.*

Football Game

Oct 21 *The Badgers play University of Maryland, College Park for Homecoming.*

Walkout

Nov 4 *The Wisconsin Triangle Chapter will travel to Indiana University for the Badger game there.*

Football Game

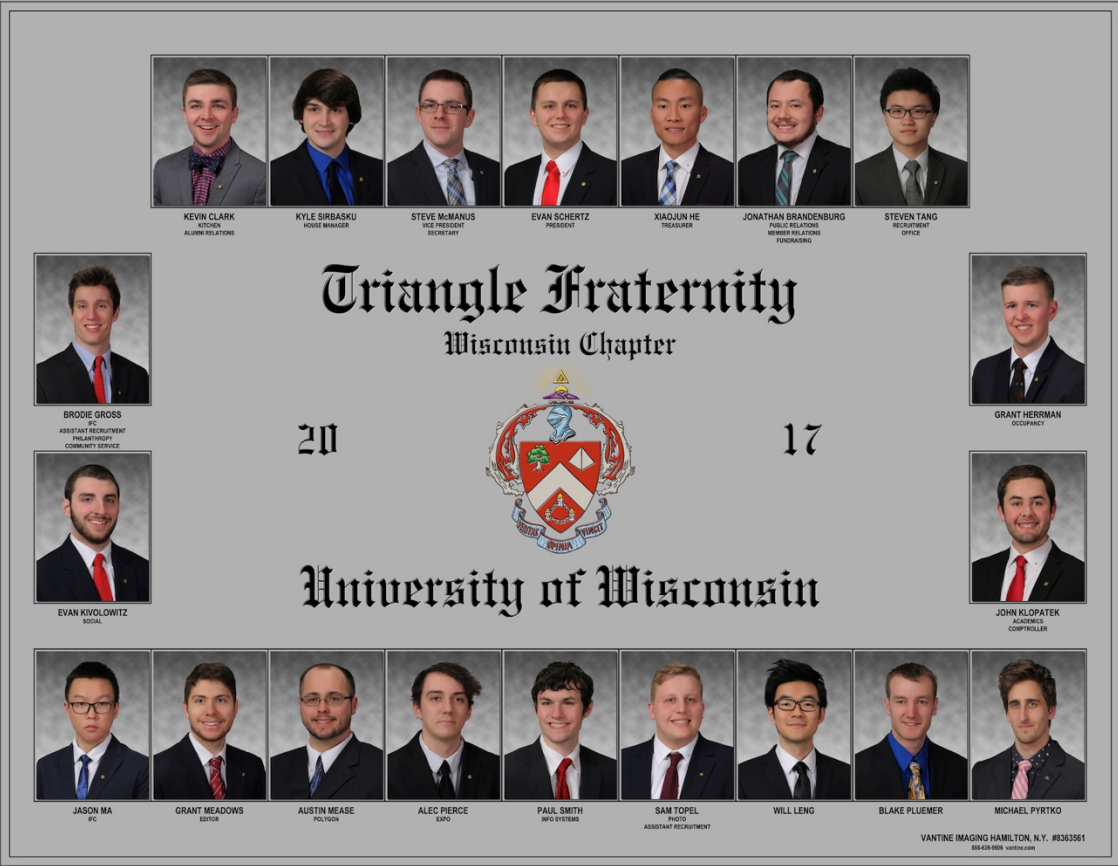
Nov 11 *The Badgers play University of Iowa at home.*

Football Game

Nov 18 *The Badgers play University of Michigan, Ann Arbor at home.*


Ritual

Dec 2 *The Fall 2017 Pledges will be initiated as Brothers of Triangle.*























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