



### 2011-2013 Spirit of the Fraternity

Dear Fraters and Candidates,

Today is an important milestone in the history of our Fraternity because we will be initiating men into the Bond of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

On behalf of the Grand Council, I congratulate every candidate. You were invited to join us because of your personal worth and character and you've earned the privilege to add your name to the scroll through your hard work and determination. I also congratulate the Fraters of your chapter, from the rush chairman responsible for recruiting you, to the big brother who mentored you, and to all the members who welcomed you into our Fraternity. All of you are to be commended.

Our Fraternity was started because of the belief that members should be men of integrity with the courage to live out their moral convictions. It doesn't matter if you are rich or poor, or come from a socially prominent family or not. It doesn't matter what race, ethnicity, or nationality you are. It doesn't matter what religion you practice or if you practice any at all. What matters is who you are as a person.

Our Fraternity exists to help each member reach his full mental, moral, and social potential. Take advantage of the many educational and training opportunities we offer. Learn from each other. Practice what you learn. Common traits of those who succeed in life are initiative, personal effort, and determination. We want you to become a better man, ready and prepared to succeed regardless of the challenges that will come your way.

Finally, our Fraters have gone on to make our world a better place. Some have done so quietly by raising good families, being good neighbors, and doing their jobs well. Others have done so publicly like starting a world-renowned children's hospital, providing hope to the hopeless or changing the course of America and thus, the world. Tekes make a difference.

What is the spirit of our Fraternity? Quite simply, it is *Better Men for a Better World*. And today, in the spirit of our Fraternity, we renew and reinvigorate ourselves with your initiation. As we witness our Bond grow in breadth and depth, I am confident the future of Tau Kappa Epsilon is in good hands.

God bless you all, Fraters. I love the Fraternity!

Yours in the Bond,

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Grand Prytanis

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