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# *Gamma-Kappa* HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017



# HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

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The Gamma-Kappa Hall of Fame Awards are presented by the Gamma-Kappa Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Oklahoma. Conceived as a means of honoring our alumni for outstanding achievements in their careers and/or service to the community/fraternity, this award will become an integral part of our tradition here at Gamma-Kappa.

Kappa Sigma is a national fraternity with great pride and a tradition of excellence that our many distinguished alumni have served to enhance throughout the years. The Gamma-Kappa Chapter has seen many brothers rise to positions of prominence. Congratulations to those who have been awarded this honor!

## 2017 Hall of Fame Inductees

Robert Rutland '41  
(Chapter Celestial)

James Emery '59

Gene Imke '59

Scott Martin '92

This also marks an exciting new chapter with the completion of our chapter house. We would not be here without many of your support and dedication, thank you!

We hope you enjoy your weekend and plan to make it back in the near future.



# PROGRAM

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## WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Andy Rieger '76

## INVOCATION

Jonathan Dial '15 (Active)

## INTRODUCTION

House Mom - Vickie Cash

## DINNER

## REMARKS FROM ANDY REIGER '76

## HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION

Jack Bache '56

## CHAPTER UPDATE

Jack Franklin '18

## CLOSING COMMENTS

Andy Rieger '76



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## ROBERT RUTLAND '41

Brother Robert Rutland '41, was a native of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and graduated from Oklahoma University in 1947. He grew up in Okemah and Tulsa during the Great Depression.

Bob was editor of the Caduceus for eight years, 1974-1982. He was editor and chief of the Papers of James Madison. He authored many books on Madison and was one of the world's leading authorities on James Madison.

He had a Master's Degree in History from Cornell University and a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt. While serving as editor of the Caduceus, Bob was also appointed to be the Historian of Kappa Sigma. He was also honored with a national award for excellence from the American Society of Association Editors, and was well known lecturer in history.

Prior to his work with our National office, Bob was on the faculty at the University of Virginia, and before that was on the journalism staff at UCLA for 14 years. Bob wrote nine books, but took pride in his first book, "The Golden Hurricane: Fifty Years of Football at Tulsa University, 1895-1945".

He served our country in World War II in the Pacific Theater. His wife, Peggy, was a Delta Gamma at OU and they were good friends of Mic Wilson, Kappa Sigma's Executive Director. Mic has this to say about Brother Rutland, "He was as good a Kappa Sigma as you could find and was very proud to be from Oklahoma, OU, and Kappa Sigma."

Bob passed away at his home in Tulsa on December 30, 2000.



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## JAMES EMERY '59

Born on February 17, 1940 in Miami, Oklahoma and graduated in 1958 from Miami High School. Highlights of High School were Eagle Scout, 1953 National Boy Scout Jamboree at Irvine Ranch California. Philmont Scout Ranch (2 years as a camper and one as a counselor.)

Lettered four years on the golf team, which won the 1956 Oklahoma State Sand Green Championship. Prior to graduation his dad asked him where he wanted to go to college and he replied OU. His dad said we better go see a football game, which was the OU vs Notre Dame game that ended OU's 47 game winning streak. Not much of an introduction for a son who had enjoyed 7 years of University of Arkansas's season tickets!

As a Gamma Kappa, Kappa Sigma Member, James served as Assistant Rush Chairman, Rush Chairman, and President of our fraternity. James is also one of Jackson's Men, and a donor to the new OU Kappa Sigma Chapter house fund.

Following graduation in 1963 from OU, James worked three years with the Burroughs Corporation as a sales representative in Oklahoma City. In 1966 James moved to Baton Rouge to form Emery Equipment Sales and Rentals, Inc., representing Davis Trencher Mfg. Co. and later added the Bobcat Loader, Skytrak, and the R O Boom Crane Truck Franchise in Louisiana. He is a charter member of the Association of Builders and Contractors, Pelican Chapter (ABC), and a member of American Rental Association (ARA). James served as President of the National Associated Equipment Distributors (AED) Young Executives Group, and a 48 year member of this association.

In 1990, James and his good friend, Allen Penniman, purchased Vermillion, Inc., a Wichita, Kansas Manufacturer of wiring harnesses for military



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## JAMES EMERY (CONTINUED)

aircraft, submarines and private jets. Vermillion produced all of the secure communications cable harnesses for the last two Presidential Air Force One jets.

In his community, James was President of the Baton Rouge Sales and Marketing Executives Group. He served on the Board of Directors of Baton Rouge's largest Savings and Loan Association for 12 years, and for 4 years was the financial Chairman for the Dunham School, a non-denominational Christian School, Grades K-12. He has been a supporter for Kanakuk Kamp, a Christian Athletic Camp in Branson, MO. since 1989.

James and his wife, Janie Reding Emery, a Pi Beta Phi at OU, have been married for 54 years and have 2 daughters, who were both Pi Beta Phis. One daughter, Kelly Emery, is an OU graduate and the other, Holly Thaggard, a graduate of LSU. His son, Stephen, is a Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and an SMU graduate. James and Janie have 3 granddaughters and 2 grandsons. They are members of The Chapel on the Campus Church, and live at The Country Club of Louisiana, where James is a charter member of the club and is an avid golfer.

This year, following 50 years of a very successful business, James turned Emery Equipment over to his oldest daughter Kelly. This has allowed more time for James and Janie to enjoy their lake home on Grand Lake, originally built by his parents in 1950. They re-built the home in 2012, for the family to gather on holidays, and for a place to During his time in Pittsburg, Jack has coached baseball for 20 years, including the local American Legion team. He has won six State Babe Ruth Championships and took two teams to the Babe Ruth World Series.

He has served as President of the Board of Directors of the local youth baseball association, Safehouse, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the local Rotary Club and the YMCA before becoming the Director. He has also served on

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the Board for the local United Way, Crestwood Country Club, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and the Chamber of Commerce.

He was also the Chairman for building a new Salvation Army facility, the Humane Society, and a new gym for the local high school.

Jack became heavily involved with Gamma-Kappa when they decided to build the new house and was in charge of raising funds for the years 1953-1959, and began serving on the House Board in 2014 and served as Vice President and currently as President.

Jack is married to Judy, who is a retired Physical Education teacher, and was also the high school volleyball coach and junior high school track coach.

Jack has two sons, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. He has fond memories of his days as an active, enjoys working as an alum, stays in touch with many of his pledge brothers, and feels that his experience with Kappa Sigma has been one of the most important aspects of his life.





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## GENE IMKE '59

Brother Imke grew up in Oklahoma City and graduated from Northwest Classen High School in 1957. While at Northwest Classen, Gene was Captain of the baseball team and played short stop, and was also a member of the Medley Insurance American Legion baseball team.

After graduating from high school, Gene attended OU and pledged Kappa Sigma and was a member of the OU baseball team. He graduated in 1962, with a degree in Business Administration.

Gene was a strong believer in Kappa Sigma and what it meant to thousands of individuals who were fortunate enough to wear the Star and Crescent. Gamma Kappa was a fortunate to have Gene take over as President of the House Corporation in 1978, as our chapter was beginning to fall on hard times. Through Gene's efforts he developed an alumni board to help bring the chapter and its membership back to a top position at OU. Serving on this board were Jim Culwell, Bud Miles, Tommy Richardson, Jay Galt, and Fred Pike. Gene served as Board President for nine years.

After graduating from OU, Gene joined Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance. In 1970, he formed his own company, Imke and Associates. Gene was a 35-year Life and Qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table. He has been President of every Oklahoma City and State Life Insurance Organization.

Gene has been involved in too many things to name here, but a few are: Crown Heights Methodist Church Board Chairman, President of #301 Toastmasters, Kiwanis Club President, Epworth Villa Director, Integriss Mental Health President, member of Gaillardia Golf and Country Club, among others.

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Gene is married to Suzy, who has taken over Imke and Associates, and was a cheerleader for OU. In addition, Gene has three children and four grandchildren. His son, Troy, was a Kappa Sigma at OU.



## SCOTT MARTIN '92

Scott Martin was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma and graduated from Tulsa Memorial High School. He joined Kappa Sigma in the fall of 1991 and was initiated into the Gamma Kappa Chapter in February of 1992. While at OU Scott was very active on campus and in the Chapter House. He served as a Chapter Guard, represented Gamma Kappa at the National Conclave, and participated in Sooner Scandals and

University Sing. In addition to his House activities, he became very involved with student government, ultimately being elected Student Body President in 1994.

After graduating in 1995 with a political science degree, Scott went to work for the City of Noble as their Projects Director and later Public Works Director. While in Noble, Scott represented the city on the Noble Chamber of Commerce Board, at the Oklahoma Municipal League, Association of Central Oklahoma Governments, and the City Manager's Association of Oklahoma.

After four years he went to serve as the Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Norman. During his seven years with the City of Norman he became very involved with his community; serving on the Norman Chamber Board and Executive Committee as Vice President of Community Development Co-Chair for the Norman Chamber's three Leadership Programs. He is a past Chairman of the Sooner District for the Boy Scouts of America. He has also served on the United Way of Norman Board and on numerous United Way Allocations Committees (once as Chair) and Campaign Cabinets (Co-Chairing the Public Service Division and Pacesetters), plus the American



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## JAMES EMERY (CONTINUED)

Heart Association (former Board President) and Salvation Army Boards.

In 2006 Martin pursued his dream and won election to the Oklahoma House of Representatives from District 46 and re-election in 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016. While in legislature, Scott served as an Assistant Majority Whip and on the House Leadership Team. He was a member of many committees on Education. He also served as vice Chair of the Appropriations & Budget Committee, and the General Government & Transportation Committee. As a citizen legislator, Scott also worked for a local community bank, Republic Bank & Trust, as an Assistant Vice President.

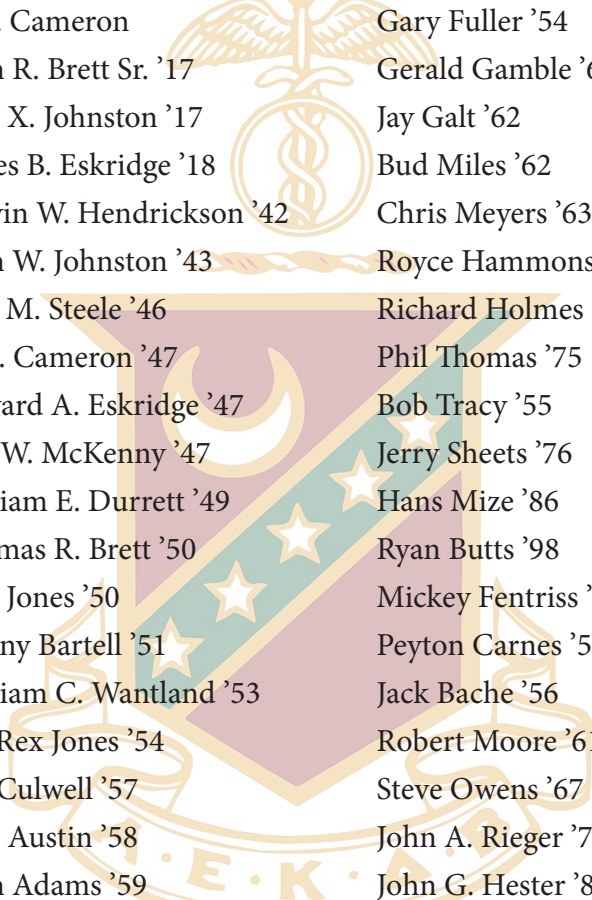
In June of this year he was selected to lead the Norman Chamber of Commerce as their President/CEO. He served on the Board for the Norman Economic Development Coalition, Norman Downtowners Association, Visit Norman, and the Builders Association of South Central Oklahoma. He is also active in the State Chamber, Oklahoma Academy, Envisioners, and the Mayer's Community Roundtable.

Brother Martin has been honored as one of OKC Business Journal's 40 Under Forty, the Journal Record's Achievers Under 40, the Norman Transcript's 15 Under 40; and has received the State Chamber of Commerce's Defender of Free Enterprise Award, District Attorney's Council Bulldog award, Governor's Arts Award, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Distinguished Service Award, OCAST Champion for Technology-Based Economic Development, BSA District Award of Merit, and United Way of Norman Volunteer of the Year Award. Scott is an Eagle Scout, member and past president of the Norman Business Association, National Rifle Association Lifetime member, and he is also a graduate of Leadership Norman class of 2000.

Scott is married to the former Angie Berglan, a fellow Sooner, and they are the proud parents of three sons; Luke, Blake, and Colton, and a daughter, Gentry. They attend Bethel Baptist Church in Norman, where Scott teaches Sunday School and is a Deacon. He and Angie treasure family time, and enjoy the outdoors and an active lifestyle.



## PAST HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



C.A. Cameron	Gary Fuller '54
John R. Brett Sr. '17	Gerald Gamble '60
Paul X. Johnston '17	Jay Galt '62
James B. Eskridge '18	Bud Miles '62
Calvin W. Hendrickson '42	Chris Meyers '63
John W. Johnston '43	Royce Hammons '65
Guy M. Steele '46	Richard Holmes '69
C. B. Cameron '47	Phil Thomas '75
Edward A. Eskridge '47	Bob Tracy '55
Jere W. McKenny '47	Jerry Sheets '76
William E. Durrett '49	Hans Mize '86
Thomas R. Brett '50	Ryan Butts '98
A.V. Jones '50	Mickey Fentriss '57
Denny Bartell '51	Peyton Carnes '52
William C. Wantland '53	Jack Bache '56
Jon Rex Jones '54	Robert Moore '61
Jim Culwell '57	Steve Owens '67
Paul Austin '58	John A. Rieger '76
John Adams '59	John G. Hester '81

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a day...  
or college term only...  
...but for life*



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