



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - December 2020

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Join the Old Guard of Delta Lambda!

We're very grateful to the Brothers who joined or renewed their Old Guard commitments since our last monthly newsletter was published in November. Our very special thanks to John Leavitt '77 for his most generous gift to the Sembler Society! We are deeply grateful for all those alumni who support Delta Lambda.

Joining the Old Guard is easy. Contribution is only \$100 per year. Your gift goes toward strengthening the Bonds among alumni, and enriching both the alumni and undergraduate Delta Lambda experience. Some alumni have even chosen to give as much as \$1,000. A current list of the **Old Guard Members** appears at the end of this newsletter.

[Click here to join the Old Guard now!](#)



Our next Alumni Advisors/Undergraduate Leadership Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, JANUARY 6TH at the University Center Club. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and hear about Delta Lambda's plans to prosper this spring. The Chapter is fortunate to benefit from the attentions of strong undergraduate leaders and many caring alumni.

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Reminder - Missed an Issue?

Every page and every issue of Pikeboy and Pikes Illustrated are now available, free, for your entertainment and nostalgia. This is the photographic record of America's greatest college fraternity chapter! Thank you, David Rancourt!

<https://deltalambdapikes.com/publication/pikeboy/>

<https://deltalambdapikes.com/publication/pikes-illustrated/>

Meet our New Delta Lambda SMC



A MESSAGE FROM NEW DELTA LAMBDA SMC LUKE VARI '18

“Brothers, it is my great honor and pleasure to announce that I have been blessed with the opportunity to wear the Collar of SMC of the Delta Lambda Chapter.

“By way of introduction, I am a Fall '18 initiate of the Alpha Xi pledge class. After Initiation, I moved through the ranks and did my best to get involved in every cabinet possible. My goal was to see which executive position I could fill to better this Fraternity that we all know and love. In the Summer of 2019, I became heavily involved on the rush team and was named Rush Captain by one of the greatest rush chairmen this chapter has ever seen, **Austin Webb '16**. Austin and the 2019 executive board, led by none other than SMC **Wyatt Rancourt '16**, gave me responsibilities and many opportunities to succeed. I am forever grateful to them. This year is where everything began to make sense, and the logistics of running a fraternity, especially of this scale, were introduced.

"I was appointed 2020 Rush Chairman by now-former President, **Jacob Middleton '18**. In the spring, due to the hard work of my Rush Captains, we took arguably one of the best pledge classes to ever come through Pike. It is no coincidence that four members of our new 2021 Executive Board are from that spring class.

"Late last spring, the world as we know it was flipped upside down due to the virus. Covid affected everything around us, and especially from a fraternal standpoint. Operating within the Federal and local guidelines became a hassle for a bunch of young men in college. Rush was moved to online and was to be conducted over "Zoom". I am probably able to work with computers and technology better than the average person, but this "zoom" business never got any easier. Fraternities were issuing bids to men they had never met. So instead, we Pikes made our adjustments and used our advantages to recreate the ideal pledge class to come through our 'wicket door'.

"Fortunately, Pike pursues an aggressive summer rush every year. After retaining every early bid we issued from August through mid-September, I am proud to say that we initiated all of those pledges on the morning of November 4th. Time will tell, but I am certain that Delta Lambda will be in good hands long after my time is done here.

"I take pride in being a Delta Lambda Pike, and I know that the men around me feel the same. I could not have a better group of gentlemen on our Executive Board this year, and for that I am extremely thankful. Although we have only held office for only a few weeks, we have been in constant discussion regarding goals, which will make a positive impact and ensure success for years to come.

"One of our goals is to create more opportunities connecting our Delta Lambda alumni with the current Brothers of the chapter to form lasting relationships. We have many ideas and will make sure to update you all and keep you in discussion regarding our plans. We also have a vision that involves Florida State University and the Tallahassee community as well, for this is our home for the years to come. Like so many other **Legacy Dads**, I want to ensure that Pike is still running this campus when my future son attends the University.

"I am excited for this year, and I appreciate everything that you gentlemen do for our chapter day in and day out. You all are the reason as to why the coveted title of Delta Lambda Pike means what it does.

"Please feel free to reach out with any of your questions or concerns moving forward."

Phi Phi K A,

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**Undergraduate Pikes Currently Serving in
America's Military**



From Left: **FSU Student Body President Jonathan Levin '18**, to receive his Air Force commission in May, 2021; **Daniel Woodard '20**, to receive his Air Force commission in May 2021; **Andrew Paquin '18**, to receive his Air Force commission in May 2021; **Alejandro Pons '17**, corporal, United States Army; **Cody Cribbs '19**, to receive his Air Force commission in May, 2022; **Auston Guarino '18**, to receive his Air Force commission in May 2021; **Brandon Edmonston '20**, corporal, United States Marine Corps.

Iconic Alumni Photos



Garland Gould '81, Brian Hansard '84; Greg Taverrite '83; Robert Villa '80; Chris Hansard '81; Ed D'Avanzo '79; Scott Struebing '81; Jay Johnson '83; Mark Gambill '81.

Thanks to Garland Gould. He speculates the occasion might be the Firemen's Ball.

DELTA LAMBDA SIRES & SONS



In 2003: Pike Sons playing on the Firetruck at New House Groundbreaking Ceremonies. Sons grow up to lead the Chapter. Driving the truck is **Chandler Stutler '16** (son of **Denver Stutler '83** [UCF]). In the white shirt is past SMC **Wyatt Rancourt '16** (son of past SMC **David Rancourt '84**).

Montage of Alumni Christmas Photos



Terrence Brooks '11 Family, John Peacock '01, Roman Carr '36



George Keriazes '73 family, Dick Klunk '67 (wearing targeted Snowman), Gina & Joe Fontana '76, Mike Alley '74 family



Rob Haynie's '84 twin daughters, James Wilder '13 Family



Alex Price '98 family, Clint Wallace '01 family, Craig Chown '81 family, Beth and Frank Cooke '65



Tim Keegan '85 family, Tim Sheridan '78 and Jan w/Joey, Andrew Diakos '04, John Leavitt '77 and Mary Ann



Pat Cicaese '83 (in the Elf collar), Charlie '65 and Connie Barnes, Griffin Wilcox '15, Katie Wilcox, Wade Wilcox '86

Thank you for sharing your pictures

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John Peacock '01

Roman Carr '36

George Keriazes '73 family

Dick Klunk '67 (wearing targeted Santa)

Gina & Joe Fontana '76

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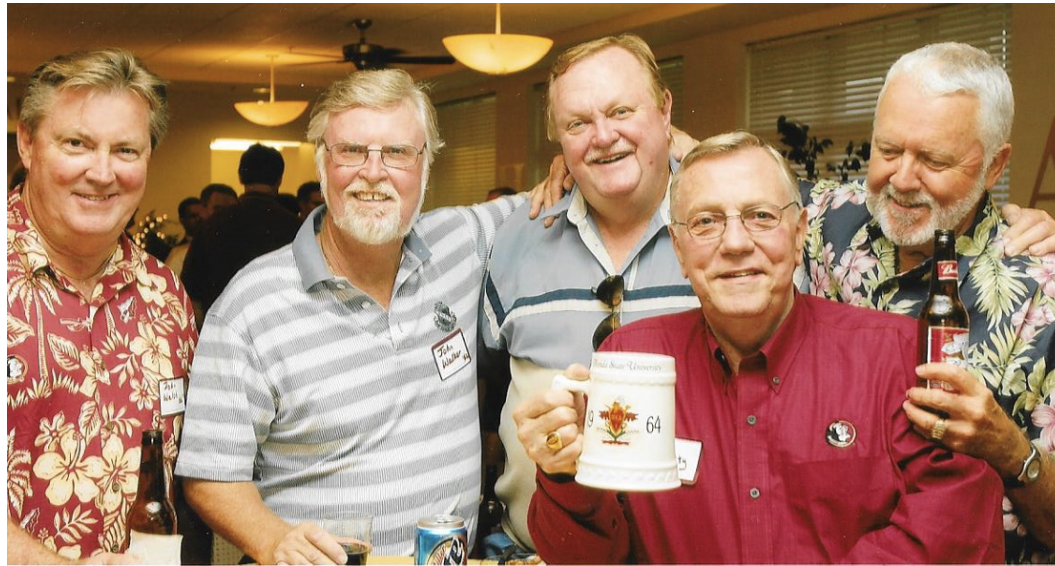
John '77 and Mary Ann Leavitt

Pat Cicalese '83 (in the Elf collar)

Charlie '65 & Connie Barnes

Griffin Wilcox '15, Katie Wilcox, Wade Wilcox '86

ONCE A PIKE, ALWAYS A PIKE



John Walsh '62, John Walker '63, Arne Johansen '63, Ken McNulty, '63, Buddy Inman '60.

There is no more compelling illustration of the Brotherhood and loyalty our Delta Lambda alumni feel toward their Fraternity than is seen in the photo, taken 15 years ago at the Grand Opening of the new house. All of these men remained loyal and involved alumni since their initiation in the 1960s, and each has remained just as loyal as the years have passed since this photograph was taken.

We reached out to each man, asking his permission to use this iconic image to symbolize a new initiative, one to ensure that our Delta Lambda House stays in our hands forever. **Brent Sembler '78**, Chairman of the Legends of Delta Lambda, along with **Andy Miller '70** and **Joel Padgett '71** have volunteered themselves to assist interested Delta Lambda alumni in making simple will gifts to Legends, Inc. through their estates.

Perhaps the most heart-felt initial response are these words from John Walsh.

"Absolutely! It would be a pleasure and honor to be depicted in this wonderful photograph. These are very special people, who I respect and will cherish forever. I have so many fantastic memories of our times together as Pikes at Florida State! May God bless the Fraternity and all those who are members. All my best to the Brotherhood! Phi Phi K A, John Walsh."

Look for more information in future monthly newsletters about how you can support the House and its legacy through a simple bequest in your will.

If you'd like to discuss the possibility of making a will gift to Delta Lambda, either Brent, Andy and/or Joel will welcome your call.

Brent Sembler '78, Chairman, Legends of Delta Lambda, Inc. [father of **Logan Sembler '09**]

Cell 727-424-7445 brent.sembler@sembler.com

Joel Padgett '71, former Senior Vice President and Director of Gift Planning, Seminole Boosters, Inc. Cell 850-545-7019 joelnole28@gmail.com

Andy Miller '70, former President and CEO of Seminole Boosters, Inc. [father of **Matt Miller '09**; brother of **Bill Miller '74**] cell 850-545-4914 Ramsr2713@gmail.com



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Join the Old Guard of Delta Lambda!

The annual contribution to be a member of the Old Guard is only \$100. Funds are allocated at the direction of a Board chaired by Jack McMullen '64 and Doug Russell '79. The Old Guard account is located at BB&T in Tallahassee.

Please use this link to contribute:

[Click here to join the Old Guard now!](#)



Or, if you feel more comfortable sending a check, please make it to The Old Guard of Delta Lambda, and send to Charlie Barnes / 1490 Saint Charles Place / Tallahassee, FL 32308

Old Guard of Delta Lambda (updated December 2020)

The Annual Giving Outreach of Delta Lambda Alumni

THE OLD GUARD

Brothers making Annual Gifts of \$100 or more

Dan Akre '83 2016, 2017

Charlie Barnes '65 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Ed Barnes '71 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Joe Beasley '83 2018, 2019

Robert "Bobby" Bowden '49 [Alpha Pi, Samford University] (son Jeff Bowden '80; grandson Michael Madden '14) 2016, 2017, 2018

Gabriel Brady '58 2020

Pete Burnett '68 2020

Eric Carr '01 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Jay Campbell '87 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Bill Cheek '61 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Jim Cobb '63 (son Kevin Cobb '06) 2018, 2019
Chuck Cottrell '80 2019
Dustin Daniels '10 2016
Phil Doumar '09 2017
Jeff Epley '96 (Iota Gamma, Nebraska-Kearney) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Miguel Fernandez '77 (son Michael '10) 2017 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Jim Finch '81 2017, 2020
Jim Floyd '76 2018, 2019, 2020
Dave Frew '67 2020
Lewis Fusco '05 2020
Paul Gerding '65 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Dave Giordano '65 2020
Glenn Grant '82 2017
Connor Gray '11 2018
Bill Gregory '77 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Mike Halfacre '85 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020
Bob Hall '49 (grandson Andrew Hall '15 initiated at Auburn) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019,
2020
Lawrence 'Chip' Hartung '81 2017, 2019
Scotty Howell '06 (brother Seth Howell '84) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Rob Hicks '83 2020
Bruce Johnson '81 2017
Jay Johnson '83 2016 *Joined the Sember Society in 2018
Dick Klunk '67 2020
David Kresge '73 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Mike Lait '78 2020
Mike Lilly '84 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Carlos Lindo '05 2016
David Lyons '65 2018, 2019, 2020
Harvey Mackler '72 (Beta Pi, University of Pennsylvania) 2018, 2019, 2020
Trent Mallory '81 2017
Mike Markowski '75 (sons Reeve Markowski '13 and Brandon Markowski '16 ;
brothers Craig Markowski '79 and David Markowski '79) 2016
Stuart McLeroy 2021
Roy McDonald '79 2018

Jack McMullen '64 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
J.L. Milton '62 2018, 2019, 2020
Jim Montano '64 2019
Jeff Moore '81 2018
Kyle Mowitz '01 2017
Alex Mullineaux '01 2019
Eli Nortelus '01 2018
Marco Novak '01 2016
Harry Orwig '66 2018
Serge Osaulenko '01 2017
Joel Padgett '71 2016, 2019
Jim Parsons '81 2017
John Peacock '01 2018, 2019, 2020
Chris Pepin '01 2018, 2019, 2020
Khoungh Phan '01 2019
Jim Poe '66 2017, 2019, 2020
David Ponder '80 2017
Gary Prescott '72 2018, 2019, 2020
Dr. Jace Provo '83 2020
Tyler Russell '10 2020
Lt. Col. Jerry Sexton '74 (brother Russell Sexton '77) 2018, 2019, 2020
Griffin Siegel '78 2016 2017
Peter Singhal '15 2019, 2020
Kevin Stokes '13 2018, 2019
Bob Stoner '64 2018 (memorial gift via John Stoner)
John Stoner '64 2018
Todd Trimmer '69 2019, 2020
Tom Trotta '81 (son Eric Trotta '09 initiated at University of Florida) 2018, 2019, 2020
Bob Tunkel '66 2020
Tarek Waked '09 2019
Kevin Wheeler '09 (father Tom Wheeler '78) 2017, 2018, 2019
Wade Wilcox '86 (son Griffin Wilcox '15) 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Griffin Wilcox '15 (dad, Wade Wilcox '86) 2020, 2021
Bill Williams '85 2019, 2020

Rob Williamson '87 2018, 2020, 2021

Alan Winslette '77 2018, 2019

THE SEMBLER SOCIETY

Brothers have made at least one gift of \$1,000 or more

[John Baker An anonymous donor has made a memorial gift to the Sembler Society in the John's name]

Charlie Bradley '81 is a September 2019 addition to the Sembler Society

Sean Carbonell '86

[Craig Kavka '66 – Memorial Gift made in Craig's name, 2019]

Chuck Cottrell '80 *January, 2019: Chuck Cottrell made an additional gift of \$1,000 to be used in the best interests of the Chapter. Thank you Chuck for your generosity to Delta Lambda!

Jim Crews '78

Chris Dietz '87 (son is Caleb Dietz '11)

Tobyn DeYoung '86 (son is Steven Centeno '16)

Steve Goodloe '79 Memorial Gift; donor remains anonymous

Chris Gutierrez '83 [University of Florida] (son Alex Gutierrez '16)

David Gutting '83 (son Sterling Gutting '16)

[J. Bob Humphries '66 – Memorial Gift made in Bob's name, 2019]

Bruce Johnson '81

Jay B. Johnson '83

Bobby Jones '72

Jimmy Keen '73 (son is Michael Keen '14)

John Leavitt '77 (brother of Jim Leavitt '79)

Sloan MacKarvich '01

Craig Mateer '86 (son is Charles Merritt '16)

Ryan McElveen '95 (2020; annual Sembler Society commitment!)

Noah C. McKinnon '65

Rich Newsome '83

David Rancourt '84 (son is Wyatt Rancourt '16)

Matt Raulerson '83 (son is Zach Raulerson '17)

Scott Roix '85 and son Max Roix '18
Doug Russell '79 (son is Tyler Russell '10)
Harry Sargeant III '78 (sons are Harry Sargeant IV '02 and Garrett Sargeant '17)
Brent W. Sembler '78 (son is Logan Sembler '09)
Tim Sheridan '78 (grandson of Ed Cubbon '29; brother is Ted Sheridan '82)
Rich Wall '66
Tom Wheeler '78 (son is Kevin Wheeler '09)

2020 Chapter Leadership (December 2020)

SMC (President): Luke Vari '18
Internal Vice President: Max Roix '18 (father is Scott Roix '85)
External Vice President: Kyle McLaren '18
Vice President of Membership Development: TBD
Excellence Officer: Joey Williams '19
Secretary: Jason Accardi '20
Rush Chairman: James Bencivenga '20
Treasurer: Jack Williams '19
House Manager: Cole Davis '18
Risk Management: Austin Guarino '18
Title IX Chairman: Rory Hicks '19
Member at Large: Christian Ursillo '18
Sergeant at Arms (Judicial Officer): Tre Hall '20
IFC Representative: TBD
Pledge Educator: Brandon Edmonston '20
Intramural Sports Chairman: TBD
Social Chairman: TBD
Alumni Liaison: TBD
Pikes Illustrated Editor: Matthew Liebman '19 *

2020 Alumni Advisory Board (December 2020)

Chapter Advisor: John Peacock '01

Legends of Delta Lambda: Brent Sembler '78, Chairman

Legends Board member & General Oversight: Jimmy Keen '73

Legends General Contractor: Peter Ford '14

Rush Advisors: Doug Russell '79 and Charlie Barnes '65

Faculty Advisors: Andy Miller '70 and Doug Tatum '77

Finance Advisor and Advisor to Treasurer and Secretary: Eli Nortelus '01

Risk Management: Tor J. Friedman (Delta Tau Delta); Carlos Lindo '05

Pledge Education Advisor: John Peacock '01 and Eli Nortelus '01

Technology Advisor, newsletter Publisher & Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87

Alumni Association Activity Chairmen: Gary Prescott '72, Mark Smith '78

Alumni Association President: Eric Carr '01

Advisor on Conduct of the Ritual: Scott Roix '85

Newsletter Editors: Tim Sheridan '78 and Charlie Barnes '65

Member-at-Large and Activity Advisor: TBD

Chaplaincy Advisor: Dylan Nielander '05; plus John Peacock '01; Rev. Rick Blythe '72

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Ed Barnes '71 National Chapter Advisor of the Year 2005

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Joe Feheley '81 (son Sean Feheley '14)

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Jimmy Keen '73 (son Michael Keen '14)

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Doug Russell '78 (son Tyler Russell '10)

These six alumni organizations exist to support Pi Kappa Alpha at Florida State

The Legends of Delta Lambda. Legends owns the Chapter House. Brent Sembler '78, Chairman. Jimmy Keen '73, Legends Oversight and House Management. Capital gifts may also be made directly to the Legends of Delta Lambda. Brent Sembler Brent.Sembler@sembler.com

The Delta Lambda Chapter Advisory Board. Chapter Advisors John Peacock '01 and Scottie Howell '06 Chair the Advisory Board. FSU Pikes Chapter Advisor

chapteradvisor@fsupikes.net

The Delta Lambda Alumni Association. Eric Carr '01, President.
ericdcarr@gmail.com

The Old Guard of Delta Lambda. The Old Guard is the alumni annual fund. Jack McMullen '64 is Chairman of the Old Guard oversight board.

The Legacy Dads of Delta Lambda. Doug Russell '78, Founder and President.
drussell@nettally.com

The Delta Lambda Communications Team. The Delta Lambda Website and the Delta Lambda Monthly Newsletter are productions of Dietz Consulting, Inc. Chris Dietz '87, owner. The monthly newsletter is Edited by Tim Sheridan '78 and Charlie Barnes '65. Len Tucker (and Jean) Tucker '70 provides the chapter with its annual composite. The Team also consults with the Chapter on the annual production of Pikes Illustrated.