



**The National Fraternity of
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TO: Alumni Corporation Presidents
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FROM: Gene Spencer, President
Joseph S. Rosenberg, Executive Director
Jerry Murray, Chair, Ordo Honoris Selection Committee

SUBJECT: 2016 Ordo Honoris Nominations

DATE: February 24, 2016

Every other year at the National Convention, Kappa Delta Rho recognizes its outstanding alumni for their lifelong achievements and accords them our Fraternity's highest honor - the *Ordo Honoris*. Once again we are asking the leaders of our chapters and alumni corporations, national board members and foundation trustees to submit nominations for the *Ordo Honoris*. (For a brief history of *Ordo Honoris*, refer to the last page of this letter.)

We cannot stress enough the importance of Your valuable input in the nomination process!

How the process works...

Selection for *Ordo Honoris* rests in the hands of one's peers. Chapters, alumni corporations, national board members, and foundation trustees submit nominations for induction into *Ordo Honoris*. Nominees receive a letter from the National Fraternity office notifying them of their nomination. The Nominee submits a letter of acceptance along with a complete biography. The *Ordo Honoris Selection Committee* receives the names of the nominees and their biographies to review, and makes the final selections.

The National Fraternity president will notify recipients that the *Ordo Honoris* medal and plaque will be conferred upon them on August 6th, at the *Ordo Honoris* banquet at the conclusion of the 2016 Williams Leadership Academy and National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

What you have to do...

With this letter, we have included two nomination forms. When you fill out a nomination form make sure you have included ALL the requested information. Then, send your nomination(s) to the National Fraternity office to Executive Director, Joseph Rosenberg at executivedirector@kdr.com.

**Deadline for nominations is
March 18, 2016**

Note: Not all alumni nominated each year are inducted into the Ordo Honoris. You may re-nominate them in subsequent years.

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2016 Criteria

Nominations may be made in one or more of the three following areas

1. Personal or professional achievements, such as business, education, medicine, entertainment, sports, politics, and others. Some examples but not limited to:
 - ♦ A member who competes in professional athletics for a national league team
 - ♦ A member who serves as a CEO or officer of a corporation
 - ♦ A member who has been recognized as an accomplished recording artist
 - ♦ A member who has served as an overseas missionary
 - ♦ A member who has received recognition or awards for breakthroughs in medical or scientific research
 - ♦ A member who is recognized by their peers as a leader in his profession

2. Outstanding community involvement, such as volunteer service with a nonprofit organization at the local, state, or national level. Some examples but not limited to:
 - ♦ A member who has served with distinction as a Rotarian or as a member of another service organization and has risen to a position of regional or national governance
 - ♦ A member who has served as president or other officer of a United Way or Community Fund
 - ♦ A member who has served in a leadership position in an organization working with youth, the disadvantaged, persons with disabilities, and the environment.

3. Outstanding National Fraternity and chapter involvement. Some examples but not limited to:
 - ♦ A member who has gone far above the call of duty for many years to support, advise, instruct, and assist a chapter
 - ♦ A member who has served as an officer or director of the National Fraternity, or as an officer or trustee of the Foundation*

***Note: Current Fraternity Directors and Foundation Trustees are not eligible to be inducted into the Ordo Honoris.**

Ordo Honoris **A Brief History**

As the history of The National Fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho, Inc., grows, we recognize alumni for notable achievements. Until 1982, there was not a formal way to recognize these alumni. Word of outstanding alumni achievements took the form of an occasional biography in the *Quill and Scroll*, or a personal appearance at a National Convention. KDR, with the encouragement of Donald L. Stohl, Zeta '54, corrected this lack of formal recognition by founding the *Ordo Honoris*. The general idea of the National Board of Directors was to establish a Hall of Fame for distinguished alumni.

In 1980, shortly after becoming executive director, Donald L. Stohl wanted the Fraternity to recognize formally the impressive achievements of alumni members. Brother Stohl also saw the opportunity for these outstanding achievements to serve as an inspiration for current and future members. Many *Ordo Honoris* recipients have indicated that KDR made an early and lasting impression, which helped them in their personal and professional development. An important factor, however, was the term Hall of Fame, which conveyed the general idea of what the National Board of Directors wanted to accomplish. The term, dull and overused, was less desirable, however. Instead, the Board sought to find a meaningful term to recognize outstanding alumni.

The obvious path was to follow the tradition of the KDR Ritual and Ceremonies derived from the model of the ancient Roman Republic. From the suggestion of a Benedictine monk at the Archabbey of St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, the National Board of Directors decided on the distinction of *Ordo Honoris* (Order of Honor), the honor given to Roman citizens for their contributions to state and community.

On August 14, 1982, the first class of inductees received the official citation, "Brother we salute you. Being persuaded of your honor, fidelity, and concern for your fellow man, we have caused these letters to be issued . . ." The first class of inductees, designated the Alpha Class, included eighty-one members and recognized notable achievements during the first seventy-five years of KDR's history. Each year the Fraternity recognizes a new class of select inductees, designated by consecutive letters of the Greek alphabet.

Fratre, te Salutamus – Brother, we salute you!

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2016 Nomination Form

Deadline for Nominations
March 18, 2016

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| Name: _____ | | |
| Last | First | Middle |
| Chapter: _____ | School: _____ | |
| Street address/PO Box: _____ | | |
| City: _____ | State: _____ | Zip: _____ |
| Home Phone: _____ | Work Phone: _____ | |
| Email: _____ | | |
| Nominated by (name of person): _____ | | |
| Chapter: _____ | Phone: _____ | |

Give three reasons why you are nominating this KDR member. *(add another page if needed)*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Return this form to:

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