PI KAPPA ALPHA MOURNS THE PASSING OF PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, RICHARD OGLE

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Pi Kappa Alpha lost one of its true servants with the passing of Richard F. Ogle (Alabama, Gamma Alpha ’61) on Thursday, October 27, 2016. Brother Ogle’s legacy is one of leadership, vision and generosity.

During his years at Gamma Alpha Chapter (University of Alabama), Brother Ogle served the chapter as pledge class president, rush chairman, vice president and president. Graduating in 1964, he joined the Fraternity’s professional staff and served as chapter consultant in 1964-65. When he returned to the University of Alabama School of Law, his fraternal service continued as resident counselor for Gamma Alpha Chapter from 1965-67.

Since his initiation in 1961, there has rarely been a time during which Pi Kappa Alpha did not benefit from Ogle’s leadership and talents. After graduating from law school, he served as chapter advisor to Eta Kappa Chapter (University of South Alabama). He played an important role in the Fraternity’s 100th Anniversary Centennial Celebration in 1968. In 1970 he was appointed district president and in 1972 he was elected national vice president on the Supreme Council. From 1974-76, Brother Ogle served as legal counsel to the Supreme Council. He continued his service on the Supreme Council from 1976-78 as national president. In 1979, he was asked to serve as a trustee of the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation. During his tenure as a trustee, Brother Ogle served the Foundation as secretary, vice president and president. He was unanimously elected trustee emeritus of the Foundation upon the completion of his term as trustee in 1985. Brother Ogle was honored for his longtime service to Pi Kappa Alpha with the Loyalty Award in 1988. In 1990 he was inducted into the Foundation’s Order of West Range. He supported local alumni association efforts and was a Founding Father of the Birmingham Metro Alumni Association.

Brother Ogle established the Richard F. Ogle Leadership Award benefiting Gamma Alpha Chapter in 1983 and permanently endowed the scholarship in 1990. The scholarship has been awarded to 25 outstanding members of Gamma Alpha Chapter since its creation. Ogle also served as administrator to the John Horne Memorial Academic Award since its inception in 1987. Brother Ogle requested that memorials be made to the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation for the Richard F. Ogle Leadership Award.

Richard F. Ogle (1942-2016)
Professionally, Brother Ogle was a partner in the law firm of Christian & Small LLP.

As news of Ogle’s passing traveled through the fraternal family, Past International President and Foundation Trustee Emeritus Joseph J. Turner Jr. said, “Richard was a man who reflected and lived out the Fraternity’s values. At the end of the day he made a difference in all of our lives. A true gentleman, a visionary leader, and a wonderful family man who loved his wife and daughters.”

Past International President Tommy Turner shared, “Richard touched all of us as only a few can. When I spoke to him, I always felt that he was listening as if we were the only ones in the room, and I had his complete attention. We should all hope to be a man with shoulders as broad as his, and with a smile as warm.”

Executive Vice President Emeritus Ray Orians said, “We were indeed blessed to have Richard as a brother and a leader. What a very special Pike. What a beloved brother and model family man. May he rest in peace.”

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