



Burton Kinerk '57

Has been elected to membership in the

Beta Phi Hall of Honor Class of 2002

From the start of Brother Kinerk's membership in Sigma Chi, there was nothing normal about his ability to lead. He was the President of the Freshman Class at UA while playing baseball for the Wildcats and serving as a member of the Blue Key Society, the Beta Phi Pro Consul, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and acting as the Beta Phi Intramurals Chairman. After graduation, he proudly gave two years of his life to his country, serving as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army in the 18th Airborne Corps.

Brother Kinerk's love of sports still manages to creep into his professional life, as he is a registered agent in both the National Football League and the National Basketball Association. He is the active president of Burt Kinerk & Associates, P.C., and a Partner with Kinerk, Beal, Schmidt & Dyer. Brother Kinerk is one of the most respected attorneys in the Tucson area, specializing in civil trial practice with an emphasis on personal injury, products liability, medical malpractice and complex multiple-party plaintiff lawsuits. Brother Kinerk still manages to maintain his membership in many industry associations and is a frequent guest lecturer for the University of Arizona and various other organizations, including the Arizona Trial Lawyers Association.

Community service, a main tenant in Sigma Chi, is still close to Brother Kinerk's heart. He has been an active member of the Boy Scouts of America, Boy's Club of Tucson, the Tucson YMCA, the Tucson Conquistadores and the Catholic Foundation Diocese of Tucson. He has also remained close to his alma mater, as he is past chairman of the U of A Foundation Board of Directors (2000-2002) and a board member of the UA Law College Association. In addition, his is a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee for the State of Arizona, and a member of the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Medical Malpractice.

For Brother Kinerk's undying dedication to his city and his craft, he has received numerous accolades, including being voted Boss of the Year by the Tucson Legal Secretaries Association, Man of the Year by the Tucson Chamber of Commerce and Tucson Father of the Year. He has also been enshrined in the Tucson High School Foundation and Pima County Hall of Fame and was voted one of the Top 100 Tucson Sports Figures of the Century in 2000. Brother Kinerk's induction into the Beta Phi Hall of Fame was preceded by his being named a Significant Sig by the Sigma Chi Fraternity.