



# Charles H. "Chuck" Hunter '64

*Has been elected to membership in the*

## *Beta Phi Hall of Honor Class of 2014*

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Brother Hunter says he has lived a plain and simple life: one college, one fraternity, one business and one wife. But the four together are anything but plain and simple.

Raised in Kansas City and its bitter winters, Brother Hunter took off for the warmer climate of Tucson and the University of Arizona campus. He pledged Sigma Chi as a freshman in the fall of 1960. He recognized that Sigma Chi represented the "gold standard" of fraternities on the campus and felt that his college experience would ultimately help lead him to success.

Brother Hunter was elected to the Sophos men honorary following his freshman year and ultimately decided to pursue a major in business. After graduating in the spring of 1964, he returned to Kansas City to begin a very successful career in real estate. Ultimately, Brother Hunter decided to specialize in industrial brokerage and with the assistance of his associates built what became the largest commercial real estate company in the Missouri city.

Kessinger/Hunter and Co. operates approximately 25 million square feet of tenant space and has developed 11 million square feet of rentable space in 26 states and five foreign countries. Since 1996 the company has been consistently ranked among the top real estate investment sales groups, closing property transactions totaling more than \$1 billion each year.

During his 50-year career, Brother Hunter found time to become a director at Boatmen's First National Bank of Kansas City and the Bank of Blue Valley. In addition, he served as a director of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, Pride of Kansas City and as an ambassador of the Children's Mercy Hospital. He was an advisory director and prolific fundraiser for First Tee of Greater Kansas City, a youth development program focused on teaching positive values while using the game of golf as a tool.

Brother Hunter and his wife of 48 years, Berit, have a son, Erik, and four grandchildren.

All in all, four endeavors and a rewarding and fruitful life. He had this to say about his Sigma Chi experience:

"College was my first real experience away from home and Sigma Chi gave me a group of friends and a sense of belonging. From the upper classmen, I learned that loyalty and trust mattered and that friendship was to be prized. The life lessons I learned at the Sigma Chi house have served me well for 50 years. To this day, I feel very fortunate to have been associated with such an outstanding group of men. Yes, I learned a great deal about a great many things in my four years at Arizona – plus I had a heck of a lot of fun."