

What Is KFLL?

The Kansas Fraternity Landlords' League, Inc. (KFLL) — formed in 2015 as an independent, nonprofit business league — represents landlords of 10 KU fraternity houses, which are home to 1,000 students and boast more than 13,000 living alumni. KFLL is comprised of the house corporation entities that lease residences to their fraternities.

Part of KFLL's mission is to help ensure the continued success of these houses, considering that the cumulative real estate **value of the 10 houses is an estimated \$35.7 million** (based on assessed valuations and market appraisals). KFLL offers support by:

- Strengthening members' business and operational procedures.
- Establishing best practices.
- Identifying/suggesting standards that result in the greatest opportunity for its members' personal development and academic success.

"It's simple...when our tenants excel, KFLL's members flourish."

— **Aaron Racine**, KFLL Executive Director

Our Member Fraternities

- Beta Theta Pi
- Delta Chi
- Delta Tau Delta
- Kappa Sigma
- Phi Delta Theta
- Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji)
- Phi Kappa Psi
- Sigma Chi
- Sigma Nu
- Sigma Phi Epsilon



Greek Membership Leads to Success

Since 2012 KFLL-member GPAs are higher than all-men GPAs

For the spring semester 2017, the average GPA among the **10 KFLL-member fraternities at KU was 3.20**, which exceeded the all-men average of 3.03 and even the all-university average GPA of 3.14. Similar results occurred in fall '16:

- KFLL members 3.17
- All-university 3.07
- All-men 2.96

Nine of the 10 KFLL houses achieved GPAs greater than 3.00 in spring '17, led by Beta Theta Pi at 3.49 and Sigma Nu at 3.45.

In fact, according to KU published statistics, the GPA averages for the last 10 semesters are:

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Fraternities offer advantages for personal growth

"We believe freshmen living in KFLL houses are prepared for excellent academic and safe social experiences at KU. Our data demonstrate that freshmen (and all others) living in our houses perform better academically than their non-Greek counterparts. They develop stronger bonds and personal growth that afford them success during and after college"

— **Aaron Racine**, KFLL Executive Director

Graduation rates, as tracked by KU, support Racine's statement:

- **58% of Greek men** graduated in four years compared to **42% for non-Greek men** (2015-16 academic year).
- The five-year graduation rate was even more one-sided, 71% for Greek men to 55% for non-Greek men (2014-15).
- The graduation rates trend in favor of Greek men dating back to 2010-11.



Fraternities vs. Dormitories

Many cannot believe the less expensive option when comparing costs.

"Fraternities are too expensive."

You might have heard this from a variety of persons — parents, high school counselors, educators or college students themselves. Untrue. In regard to living accommodations, **fraternities are actually less expensive than university housing.**

Recently, the average house bill, inclusive of 13 meals a week across the 10 KFLL houses, was \$9,150 for an academic year. This doesn't include one-time fees such as security deposit or other elective expenses.

- KU dormitory fees for an academic year according to the *Lawrence Journal-World* (includes two meals/day): Oliver \$8,766; GSP, Hashinger and Ellsworth \$10,060; Oswald and Self (suites) \$11,668.
- When blending suites and non-suites (just as fraternities have suites and non-suites), KU dorms cost an average of \$10,380 for an academic year.



The “Giving Back” Effect

Volunteering has always been viewed as good for your soul. “Giving” promotes cooperation and social connection. It turns out, our KFULL fraternity members are truly “giving.” Check out a few examples:

- **Phi Gamma Delta** with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority helped fund and assemble 25,920 life-saving meals, which were shipped to developing countries in desperate need. In addition, the group raised money to fund an additional 15,000 meals.
- **Phi Kappa Psi** annually awards the F.C. “Phog” Allen Scholarships to promising young men entering KU as freshmen. Applicants aren’t required to pledge Phi Psi or another fraternity. In 2017, 46 high school seniors applied.
- **Sigma Nu** members compiled 400 service hours on behalf of Natural Ties, which integrates people with developmental disabilities into college organizations.
- **Sigma Phi Epsilon** participated in the annual Special Olympics Polar Plunge, raising \$21,000.
- **Beta Theta Pi** continues to conduct its TomStrong 5K to bring awareness and raise funds for persons with physical disabilities within the Greek and KU community. A scholarship is awarded to a KU student. Part of the proceeds from the first TomStrong 5K in ‘16 created a first-floor bedroom and bathroom for Tom Babb, a Beta member who was paralyzed in a body surfing accident.



A Learning Environment

“From an academic standpoint, the fast-paced and stressful life of a college freshman can be greatly aided in a fraternity. Some freshmen have never learned how to properly study. By living under the same roof with upperclassmen, the new students can be motivated and held accountable. Older and experienced students can be role models and help and develop the younger students’ academic base for college.”

— **Travis Thomsen**, Phi Kappa Psi President (2013-14)
and now a chemical engineer.



Contact us today to learn more about KFULL.

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