

MYRON G. “PETER” KOHN

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Myron G. “Peter” Kohn was born to Bernard and Hylda Kohn (Gutman) in 1931. He was the devoted brother of the late Benno Kohn. Peter is also survived by many loving relatives and dear friends.

Peter was one of the most beloved and unique figures in the lacrosse world. For more than 50 years he was connected to the sport. Peter started as a field manager for the Park School in Baltimore in 1954. He was manager of the U.S. teams from 1978 to 1998, for the North-South All-Star game for over 25 years and for club teams in the United States Club Lacrosse Association for over 20 years. Kohn worked in the equipment room at Middlebury College from 1981-1998, while serving as a manager of the men’s lacrosse team. He later began to spend his winters in Florida and returned to campus each spring to work with the team. When time permitted, Kohn also enjoyed helping out with other spring teams at Middlebury, as well as teams during his brief visits in the fall and winter. Today, the women’s field hockey and lacrosse field bears his name.

Peter was also involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Lacrosse ministry, serving at their camps and with their teams since FCA Lacrosse’s inception in 1988. Peter was a member of the FCA Lacrosse Leadership Board of Advisors and was a valuable member of the FCA Lacrosse organization both on and off the field.

Kohn left an indelible impression upon those he met and inspired. He became known for his generous spirit and tireless loyalty and demonstrated a passion for lacrosse that touched generations of players. Kohn maintained a subtle but powerful presence throughout the lacrosse world. His far-reaching contributions to the sport were formally commended in 2004 when he was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Despite receiving numerous accolades and widespread recognition for his outstanding role in the lacrosse community, Peter remained humble, genuine and focused on his players.

The Baltimore native is the subject of the 2005 award-winning documentary, “Keeper of the Kohn.” The film’s title is drawn from a long-standing tradition at Middlebury College in which a “keeper,” typically a first-year lacrosse athlete, gets selected to care for Kohn in the same way he tended the team. Few ever considered the keeper’s responsibilities a chore. To the contrary; to spend time with Kohn was to befriend a hero.

The Peter Kohn Award

The Peter Kohn Award for “service above and beyond the call of duty” has been given annually by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at their breakfast at the US Lacrosse Coaches Convention every year since 1997. It is given to a player, coach or friend of the game, who has modeled Peter’s example of dedication and selfless service to the lacrosse community. Ultimately, the award was not only modeled after Peter’s selfless service, but after Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice as described in John 15:13, which states “Greater love has no one than this; that one lay down his life for his friends.” Peter was the first recipient of the award. Other award recipients include: Richie Meade, Hank Janczyk, Dave Urick, Buddy Beardmore, Jim Darcangelo, Susan Powell, Bob Scott, Jerry Schmidt, Richie Moran, Jim Grube and Ed Britton. More information about the Peter Kohn Award can be found at www.fcalax.org



Introduction

Jim Grube

Song

Brad Corrigan - Amazing Grace

Speakers

Joe Crilly – Cape May, New Jersey
Frank Kelly – FCA Lacrosse
Richie Moran – Cornell University
Bob Scott – Johns Hopkins University
Jim Grube – Middlebury College

Documentary Film Tribute

David Gaynes – New York, NY

Park School Song

Verse One & Two: Entire Congregation
Senior Verse: Brad Corrigan – Middlebury College

<i>Verse I</i>	<i>Verse II</i>	<i>Senior Verse</i>
Park School, Park School, Hear thy sons and daughters greet thee, We a loyal band and true come singing, To our Alma Mater our praise bringing, Park School, Park School, High we'll raise our flag, and long cheer, As we're marching on to vict'ry 'Neath the Brown and White.	Park School, Park School, All our lessons hard we learn there, Algebra and Latin lie in wait and His-to-ry and English keep us late in Park School, Park School, But our motto still is “Strive on” As we're marching on to vict'ry 'Neath the Brown and White.	Park School, Park School, When our course is done we leave thee, Still the mem'ry lingers in each heart With thoughts of happy days before we part from Park School, Park School, When we're old and gray we'll still cheer, As we're marching on to vict'ry 'Neath the Brown and White.

Recession

Pallbearers

Steve Crilly, Cape May, New Jersey
Leonard Johnson, Cape May, New Jersey
Sean McNamara, FCA Lacrosse
Jack Emmer, United States Military Academy
Duane Ford, Middlebury College
David Gaynes, New York, NY
Skip Lichtfuss, Washington & Lee University/Mount Washington Club
Dave Urick, Georgetown University

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

—Psalm 23—



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