



Phi Kappa

News

Postulancy Update

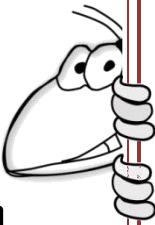
Brothers,

Pledging this year, as in all other years, has been a great experience. Times were not always easy, but in the end has made us into the best people we can be. The fifteen of us have pushed through and learned valuable lessons through the bonding challenges presented to us during Postulancy. We learned the true meaning of Brotherhood. I speak for all of us when I say we will be forever thankful for the opportunities we have been given while having pledged Alpha Chi Rho.

The importance of scholarship has been stressed to us very heavily. The Brothers stressed the importance of academics above all else. We have been taught the value of looking beyond ourselves to help others through our time and efforts through our philanthropy requirements. Our most valuable addition to the house during pledging has been the two major parts of our pledge project: power washing the House, porch, & sidewalks and building a frat bench. Both of these projects contribute to the overall look of the House. This project has taught us to care for the House, our image in the community, and the well-being of our Brothers.

In the Bond,
Harrison Bush (PCP)

Harrison Bush



Phi Kappa Homecoming Recap

The Chapter House was buzzing with activity this homecoming with the Illini having a game that was **NOT** scheduled for 11AM for a pleasant change!!! The game time was at 2:30 which made it easy for Brothers to stop by the House before the game to socialize and enjoy lunch and a drink with others who dropped by. The weather was nearly perfect for the reunion of Crows who gathered at 311 East Armory. A delicious lunch was cooked up and delivered to us by Joe's Brewery. Most of the members of the Alum Board were in attendance and the Brotherhood received an update from VP Brian Schmidt on the state of the House and the Fraternity.

We had a good turnout for this year and the list below indicates a wide range of ages in attendance. We even had Claudia Franz Wagner, a "Little Sister" from the mid 1970's drop by with her husband for a visit.

We want to see even more guys and gals next year for the homecoming that will mark our **Centennial Anniversary** on campus. Contact your Pledge Brothers and Little Sisters to encourage them to attend one or both celebrations. Please make plans to visit campus and your AXP Chapter House next homecoming on October 29, 2016, when you can drop in to the House to socialize with Brothers old and new. We will also be having a formal "Feast of the Fraternity" on June 11, 2016 as part of our 100th anniversary year. The campus will be much less busy (and less expensive) then and we intend to have other informal events in the days leading up to the Feast. More information to follow, please watch your email for details. We only have one chance to be 100 years old and celebrate our century on campus!

In the Bond,
Brad LaPayne

Alumni Attendees:

Alan Bateman '76	Kevin Flaherty '11
Andy Kosowsky '87 Alum Board	Kris Kocinski & Stephanie '14
Brad LaPayne '76 President	Kurtis Houdek '14
Brian & Selin Schmidt '09 Vice President	Kyle Lowry & Lydia Galante '09
Carl Amrhein '76 Treasurer	Linc Hobson '83
Dan O'Donnell '15	Matt Koopman '15
Doug Wood & Anita Gonzalez '12	Michael Kellerman '76
Evan Sanford & Kelly Hahn '14	Nick Beckman '15
Ian Eckles '14	Phillip Rehani '09
Jason Freeck & Morgan Schertz '14	Rich Furr '79
Jason Luksis '09 Alum Board	Roger Serwy '15
Jeff Wilson '84 Legal Counsel	Sean & Cynthia Robinson '12
Jonathan Lippner '14	Sean Rohan '09 Secretary
Jonathon Binkley '15	Steve Sheffer '71
Justin Pacheco '11	Vince Lambrechts '80
Kevin Anetsberger '83	

Little Sister of Phi Kappa: Claudia Franz Wagner '78

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Phi Kappa Housing Update

A Word from the Housing Assoc.

For over 5 years now we have been playing a game of catch up. First the new roof, then the new windows, then the city code compliance issue as major projects. Then many smaller projects arose, some very sorely needed, like the plumbing upgrades (cabinets, sinks, valves and drain replacements), main stairway rebuild, new second floor carpet squares, card room, landing and dining table sanding and refinishing projects and sump pump replacement. We have spent nearly \$400,000 in total on these projects!!!

The Chapter House in Champaign is now in compliance with the city code that is required of all fraternity houses. It has been a long road to get into compliance with twists and turns that made the project take longer and cost more than anticipated. The city code compliance supervisor became a bit impatient with us and the university folks were beyond impatient. However, we have arrived at the final destination of compliance and now we just need to maintain and hopefully improve the place we all called home during our college days at 311 East Armory.

Baby Grand Piano Donation

Since my freshman year I remember hearing stories about a piano that used to be in the House. My uncle works at a retirement home, and he mentioned to me that there was a baby grand piano the retirement home no longer needed. I knew this would be the perfect opportunity to bring an important memento back into Alpha Chi Rho. A few days later my dad and uncle brought the piano up to the House. It took at least seven Brothers to bring in the baby grand piano that weighed an incredible amount.

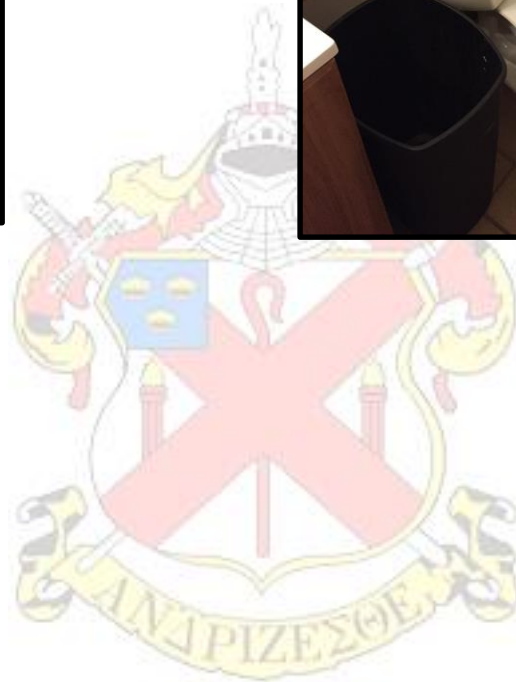
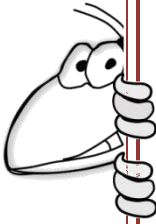
We reassembled the baby grand piano in the living area, and it is a great replacement from the old studio piano that sat in its place. Our new baby grand piano looks great with the new couches in the living area. I am happy to say it is being used constantly by multiple musically inclined...and uninclined Brothers. Alpha Chi Rho has given me and my older brother so much, so the Letterly family is happy to give back with a baby grand piano in great condition that will hopefully serve as a positive memory.

In the Bond,
Kevin Letterly



First Floor Bathroom Renovation

Recently, the first floor bathroom was remodeled. The renovations included new grout, flooring, cabinet, plumbing, sink and mirror. Below is a picture details the above mentioned renovations.



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Senior Profile



Name: Kenny Miller
Major: Creative Writing
Year: Senior

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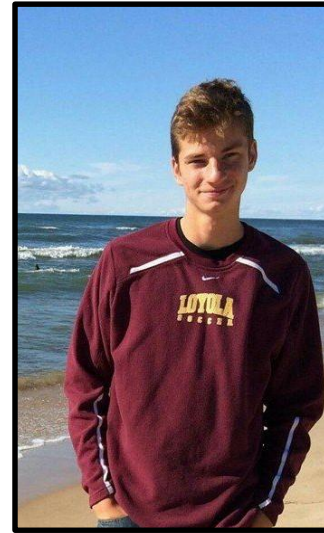
My name is Kenny Miller, and I am a fourth year senior at the AXP Phi Kappa Chapter. Coming into U of I, there were two major things that I never thought would come to be. The first was that I never thought I would major in Creative Writing, and the second was that I never thought I would join a fraternity. However, in the last three and a half years here at U of I, these two changes of heart have been two of the greatest decisions in my young life.

Proof to back up this claim can all be seen in the fruits of my labor as a senior. I am currently a writing intern in the Public Affairs office for the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA), and I am also an admissions blogger for the university. After graduating in the spring next semester, I hope to continue my progress into the writing world and work for a publishing company. I believe that the drive and leadership skills that I have garnered and honed as a Brother who has held three positions in my tenure here (Fundraising Chair, Risk Manager, and Alumni Chair) have aided in the success that I am currently experiencing, as well as any I will continue to achieve.

Outside of the professional experiences and skills that I have received through my time with the Brotherhood, I have also built some of the strongest relationships I've ever had, outside of my family. The bonds I share with my pledge class, as well as with Brothers spanning from other senior classes, to the newly initiated Brothers are something that I cherish very much. In a time in my life where I am constantly meeting new people, and then moving on because of new classes, new semesters, and new years, the Brotherhood has always been something concrete for me. Since I left the dorms my freshman year, I have always lived with Brothers, my best friends are Brothers, and the people that I can always count on and know who will support me are Brothers. This fraternity has been the bedrock of my experience here at U of I, and I will be proud to graduate as a Brother of the AXP: Phi Kappa Chapter next semester.

In the Bond,
Kenny Miller

Newly Initiated Brothers



Name: Matthew Zwolinski
Major: Mathematics & Computer Science
Year: Sophomore

Hello, my name is Matthew Zwolinski and I was a pledge this Fall 2015 semester. I will be the new Assistant Treasurer for the upcoming Spring semester. I will also be the house Webtorian for the upcoming Spring semester. I am a Sophomore majoring in Mathematics and Computer Science. I believe that the appearance of the House is the most important part in maintaining a reputation. I would like to see not only this House grow in members but also the aesthetics of the House itself. Our pledge project was building a large shoe shining bench also known as a "frat bench". The bench is not only a place to sit on but also a representation of our pledge class goals of improving the House. I'm most looking forward to living in the House next year with my Brothers, particularly the newly initiated Brothers I came here and pledged with. I feel that our bond is unbreakable and extremely close for a group of guys that only met twelve weeks ago.

In the Bond,
Matthew Zwolinski

Name: Michael Rogalski
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Year: Freshman

My name is Michael Rogalski, and I am part of the 2019 Fall pledge class. I was the Scholarship Chair for our pledge class, and in the future I am interested in running for Treasurer and/or Scholarship positions. I hope to be as involved as possible in my years at Alpha Chi Rho, and these are the roles I see myself making the largest impact with. The best part of Postulancy for me was watching the bond grow among us pledges. Every week I felt more comfortable around my Brothers, and it was a great feeling to be able to come out of my shell knowing I had their support. One of the most fascinating aspects of Postulancy for me was meeting all of the Brothers and seeing how the dynamics of each pledge class blend together into one family. I am most excited about the expansion of our fraternity across campus. I hope by my senior year we will have pledge classes of size twenty and larger, along with annual block. Postulancy will always be one of my fondest memories, and I look forward to a lifetime of great memories with my Brothers.

In the Bond,
Michael Rogalski

Reminder: Save the Date!!!

What: Phi Kappa Centennial "Feast of the Fraternity" Banquet

When: June 11, 2016

Where: Alice Campbell Alumni Center

Info: informal activities in the days before June 11. Pizza, Barbeque, dinner nights out and liquid refreshments



*Alpha Chi Rho: Phi Kappa Chapter
Wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



*May Goodwill and Peace
Bless you and your family*

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