

Winter 2020



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Wishing you
all the Hope,
Wonder And Joy
of the Season

There May Just Be One Small Benefit To Being Quarantined By A Pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic presents an unprecedented challenge to public health, and has sadly resulted in a dramatic loss of human life. The economic and social disruption caused is devastating. We in no way mean to trivialize this crisis. But in an attempt to make lemonade out of lemons, we offer the following suggestion.

Now maybe you have time to straighten out that desk, purge old records, or even clean out the basement or attic. Maybe even look for college memorabilia.

During your days as Phi Kappa Brother, you contributed to the rich history and traditions of the Chapter and the University through your scholarship

and student activities. Your photos, keepsakes, souvenirs and trophies from your student days constitute an historical "snap shot" of college Greek life. We don't want to lose these memories and memorabilia. We want to professionally preserve them for future generations of students and alumni to enjoy. First, show and share these treasures with your family, then, if you can, consider sharing them with your fraternity Brothers. Donate any or all of your college photos or memorabilia to the Phi Kappa Chapter archives.

For more information or to donate memorabilia, please send an Email to illinicrows@gmail.com or call 813-445-3841.



2020 Milestones

We welcome the opportunity to recognize and honor our Brothers for their support and loyalty to the Chapter.



70 Years In the Bond

Initiated March 12, 1950

Donald Walker Horton (440)

Ernest Russell Woodward (441)

Initiated September 5, 1950

Charles Edwin Daubs (447)

Laurence Stockton Higgins (448)

60 Years In the Bond

Initiated March 15, 1960

William Cornelius Terpstra (560)

Alvin William Reitz, Jr. (562)

Richard William Murray (563)

Initiated May 8, 1960

James Lloyd Anderson (564)

Neal Frederick Gilleran (566)

Gary Kenneth Wolf (567)

William Leslie Welch (568)

Thomas Rudolph Litvay (569)

Larry Dale Stroud (570)

50 Years In the Bond

Initiated February 15, 1970

Charles T. Griesemer (658)

Gary Edward Lindemann (659)

Ralph Raymond Kuhn, Jr. (660)

James Michael Conlin (661)

James George Scheltens (662)

Bruce Robert Douglas (663)

James Dale Pritsch, Jr. (664)

Edwin Joseph Kocinski (666)

Ron Joseph Skupien (668)

25 Years In the Bond

Initiated February 11, 1995

Robert H. Becker

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News From Campus

Recently, the University of Illinois website reported a total of 7,056 undergraduate fraternity members in the 51 fraternities currently operating on the Urbana-Champaign campus. A little over half, or 28, of the 51 active fraternities maintain University certified housing for their members.

Brad LaPayne, Phi Kappa Building Association, reports that the Chapter House was occupied by just 10 men (one per room) during the Fall 2020 Semester. Accordingly, rental revenue was less than prior years, but expected to at least cover the property taxes.

Phi Kappa Tidbits

- The Phi Kappa Chapter was chartered on May 30, 1916 after members of the local fraternity, Chi Delta, petitioned the National Council..
- Phi Kappa was the 14th Chapter chartered by the National Council, it was the first AXP chapter outside the original thirteen colonies and marked the beginning of the "Westward Expansion" of AXP into a "National" fraternity.
- In the early years, the Chapter resided in three separate rented houses in Champaign.
- In 1919 the Resident and Graduate Brothers entered into a purchase agreement for the land where the Chapter House now stands.
- By April 1920, the land purchase was finalized and the land cleared for construction of the Chapter House. The \$45,000 cost was financed by a \$30,000 mortgage and a \$15,000 House Bond Issue purchased by Brothers and parents.
- In early 1922, the finished Chapter House was occupied.
- Due to wartime conditions, the Phi Kappa Charter was surrendered on March 19, 1943, though the few remaining Brothers stayed in the House until semester end.
- The Charter was formally returned on October 12, 1945 and the House opened for returning Brothers and new pledges.
- Due to declining participation, the Resident Chapter was closed at the end of the 1995 Spring Semester.
- From 1995 to 2002 the Chapter House was rented out to another fraternity.
- On September 22, 2001, an AXP Colony returned to campus.
- In November 2003 the Phi Kappa Chapter was formally rechartered.
- At the end of the 2017 Spring semester the Resident Chapter Charter was suspended. The House became an Airbnb, realizing about \$25,000.
- Beginning in the Fall of 2018, the Chapter House is rented to the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

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