



## July 2022 Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter Newsletter

**Save the Date: Saturday, July 30, 2022** – Phi Kappa Building Association and Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter Annual Meetings at the Chapter House on Campus.

**Save the Date: Saturday, August 13, 2022** – Work Weekend! Let's get the House ready for Crows to nest!

**Save the Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022** – Homecoming vs. Minnesota. Come down for the game and visit the AXP Chapter House!

Reminder! Please join the official Phi Kappa Facebook and LinkedIn Groups:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/7006013/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168602433263416>

Official Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter email: [PhiKappaGradChapter@gmail.com](mailto:PhiKappaGradChapter@gmail.com).

## Phi Kappa Annual Meeting on July 30th

The Phi Kappa Annual Meetings will be held at the Chapter House on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Both the Building Association and the Graduate Chapter will hold their meetings and elect Board members. The Building Association meeting will start at 11:00 am with the Graduate Chapter following at 2:00 pm. Please [RSVP for the Annual Meeting](#) if you can join us.

The meetings will be accessible through Zoom. The log in information is below.

If you're traveling a great distance to get to campus, and will need hotel accommodations for the weekend, here are three options that are close to campus. There are many other hotels in the Champagne-Urbana area as well:

1. Holiday Inn Champaign, an IHG Hotel: 101 Trade Center Drive, Champaign, IL 61820
2. TownePlace Suites by Marriott Champaign Urbana/Campustown: 603 S 6th St, Champaign, IL 61820
3. Hampton Inn Champaign/Urbana: 1200 W University Ave, Urbana, IL 61801

## Annual Meeting Agenda

The agenda for the day is:

11:00 am: Building Association Meeting & Elections  
12:30 pm: Lunch: Grilling on the Porch  
2:00 pm: Graduate Chapter Meeting & Elections  
3:30 pm: Socializing  
5:30 pm: Dinner: Catered to 311 E. Armory (for those who stick around)

Again, please [RSVP for the Annual Meeting](#) if you can join us.

## Nominating Committee Recommendations

The Nominating Committee for both the Building Association and the Graduate Chapter has completed its review of candidates and recommends the following:

- For the 1<sup>st</sup> opening on the Building Association: Jason Luksis
  - o Jason is completing his 4-year term this summer and has been serving as the Building Association's Treasurer. He's done a great job in that role and, as he's willing to continue to serve, we recommend him for another 4-year term.
- For the 2<sup>nd</sup> opening on the Building Association: Tom Fifer
  - o Tom is also completing his 4-year term this summer and has been a great contributor to the Building Association as a Director. We recommend him for another 4-year term.
- For the 1<sup>st</sup> opening on the Graduate Chapter Board: Dale Marquart
  - o Dale is currently on the Graduate Chapter Board serving as the Director of Communications. We recommend him for a 3-year term.
- For the 2<sup>nd</sup> opening on the Graduate Chapter Board: Vince Kurr
  - o Vince was an active undergraduate Brother. We recommend him for a 3-year term.

Nominations from the Brotherhood at large continue to be welcome; as of this time, the Nominating Committee has not received any additional candidate submissions besides those listed above. Submissions for additional nominations besides those recommended by the Nominating Committee will be accepted through midnight on Saturday evening, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Those nominations will be incorporated into

the virtual election's polls (read on below!), therefore we won't be able to accommodate nominations from the floor in real time during the Annual Meeting. If you would like to nominate a Brother to either the Building Association or Graduate Chapter Board, please submit your nomination to [PhiKappaGradChapter@gmail.com](mailto:PhiKappaGradChapter@gmail.com) no later than July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Call In Information for Annual Meeting**

The Building Association and Graduate Chapter will be hosting this year's Annual Meeting as a hybrid virtual/in-person event. We want to make the Annual Meetings as accommodating as we can, both to Brothers who are unable to gather in large groups and Brothers who would have to travel long distances to return to campus.

The virtual participation will occur through Zoom. We'll have a microphone and camera so those of you joining virtually will be able to hear and see us. In order to keep the meeting running on schedule and avoid excessive background noise, Jonathon and Brian – the current Graduate Chapter Board Secretary and President – will be monitoring the Zoom chat function to raise questions and comments from the Brothers attending virtually. All Brothers who join virtually will be asked to communicate through the chat. Voting in the elections, for those who attend virtually, will occur via Zoom polls that will be populated in advance of the meeting.

The call-in information to join the meeting virtually is:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89142199721?pwd=a2ZSOHc2ZEtlNEExYMnJaeU9hOVVwdz09>

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)  
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)  
+1 720 707 2699 US (Denver)  
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 891 4219 9721

Passcode: 992158

Find your local number:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kc5gv3CnQS>

Please [RSVP for the Annual Meeting](#) if you can join us.

### **Work Weekend – Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

In preparation for Phi Kappa undergraduate Brothers returning to the Chapter House in the fall, the Building Association is hosting a work weekend on Saturday, August 13 at 311 E. Armory beginning at 9:00 am.

We will be performing painting, minor fix-ups and repairs, general cleanup, and light landscaping. The Building Association will be providing lunch and dinner for all attendees.

This is a great opportunity to visit the House, relive your time at the U of I and show our newest Brothers our support by providing them great looking Frat House for the start of Fall Semester.

If you can help, please contact Brother Kevin Anetsberger at 630-253-6813 or [kevin@tungsten.com](mailto:kevin@tungsten.com) as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you are unable to attend, you can still show your support with a financial contribution to help purchase supplies by donating at: [https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\\_button\\_id=K2437WYDZ9YL](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=K2437WYDZ9YL).

## Recruiting Update

Phi Kappa is still recruiting. We have undergraduate Brothers and they'll be actively recruiting new members this Fall. As a reminder...YOU CAN HELP! Reach out to [PhiKappaGradChapter@gmail.com](mailto:PhiKappaGradChapter@gmail.com) if you know any students that will be on campus this school year. The Chapter is very interested in connecting with everyone that they can. Whether those students are able and willing to join Phi Kappa, may know men who are interested in learning more about us, or could become allies that help us spread the word about our return, we would love to get to know any contacts you have. Please let us know who you're in contact with on campus. Thanks Brothers!

Also, please join the six Brothers who have already committed to the ADOPT A PLEDGE campaign. We're still looking for additional donors to help us reach our goal of covering the first year's dues of the Rechartering Class (each Postulant's first year dues will be around \$685). Please make your donation to [ADOPT A PLEDGE here](#).

## Brother Spotlight – Andrew “Andy” Kosowsky, '87

In 1983, Brother Kosowsky graduated from Lane Tech and headed south to the U of I. When Andy went through formal fraternity rush, one house made him feel like he was at home. That fraternity was AXP.

“Sometimes you're someplace new, but it just feels like you belong and that's why I picked Phi Kappa”, Andy said about his decision.

Andy lived the Phi Kappa life...studying, sorority exchanges, philanthropic events and the last Cave Man Drag. His favorite undergraduate memory is pledge walk out. More accurately for Andy, pledge walk

outs...Andy went on three. His class went to Central Michigan and he went along with later classes to both Wisconsin and Penn State. Short of working for National, Andy is one of the most travelled Crows.

Upon graduation, Andy headed back to Chicago to use his Business Administration degree in the real world. Seeking more enlightenment, he then got his Masters in Accounting from DePaul University (go, Blue Demons!) and he also passed the CPA Exam. He's enjoyed the last 30 years working with large commercial banks specializing in collateral audits.

Andy still lives in the Chicago area, is a die-hard Cubs fan and does volunteer work with the American Ukrainian Youth Association. With this youth group, Andy serves as a mentor for young men and women who share his Ukrainian heritage.

His location enables him to both attend Graduate Chapter events in Chicago and visit/work with the undergraduate chapter. Andy has long worked with youth groups, he's always wanted to remain active in AXP, and he enjoys working with young people. His philosophy regarding both today's youth and the undergraduate chapter is to accept the past, but focus on what we can build moving forward. He's met most of our new members and he believes we have a bright future in front of us.

Brother Kosowsky has been an active member in Phi Kappa's rechartering efforts since the idea first resurfaced. When the call came out to help the Graduate Chapter, Andy was one of the first to respond. Andy is taking on the role of Undergraduate Mentoring Director for the Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter. He continues to work closely with Hunter Santiago on the recruitment/ integration of new Brothers.

On a serious note, the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine is especially important, and personal, to Andy. Both sides of his family are from Ukraine and emigrated to the US due to WWII. As mentioned earlier, he has long served as a teen mentor with the American Ukrainian Youth Association. Andy continues to work with the youth association and several Chicago area Ukrainian churches on various humanitarian efforts. He works through social media, fundraising and lobbying to share accurate information. He helps with clothing/toy drives to help provide comfort for the children impacted by the horrors of war. Andy helped organize and run a reception for the children that were sponsored and relocated into Chicago by a local church. As he said, it's important for them to feel welcomed, loved and safe.

If you are interested in supporting the relief efforts, Andy recommends a local relief agency (an IRS 501c3 organization, so donations are tax deductible). He knows the people who run the organization and collections go directly to three affiliated organizations that provide immediate assistance. The organization is the Selfreliance Foundation and you can reach them through this link:

<https://www.selfreliance.com/supportukraine/>

With both Phi Kappa and the Ukrainian relief efforts, Andy believes it's not time to be standing on the sidelines...it's time to jump in and help. He looks forward to seeing you at the House at Homecoming.

Thank you, Brother Kosowsky.

## AXP Baseball Game Recap

The Graduate Chapter worked together with the AXPEF Events and Outreach Committee – and with volunteer Brother, Tony Gallo – to host a Crows outing at a White Sox home game on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The event was great fun, and it certainly helped that the Southsiders won the game! More than 20 tickets were purchased for Brothers, friends, and spouses. Thanks to Selin Schmidt, from the Events and Outreach Committee, and Tony Gallo for putting this great outing together!



## **Gentle Ask**

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact the Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter at [PhiKappaGradChapter@gmail.com](mailto:PhiKappaGradChapter@gmail.com).

Donations to the Building Association cover capital improvements, upkeep, and maintenance: [https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\\_button\\_id=K2437WYYDZ9YL](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=K2437WYYDZ9YL)

Donations to the Graduate Chapter cover the costs of events and other activities of the Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=THYQQVHRTMW9U](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=THYQQVHRTMW9U)