



June 2023 Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter Newsletter

Save the Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023 – Work Weekend! Let's get the House ready for Crows to return!

Save the Date: Saturday, August 5, 2023 – Phi Kappa Building Association and Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter Annual Meetings at the Chapter House on Campus.

Save the Date: Sunday, August 13, 2023 – White Sox baseball game.

Save the Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023 – Homecoming vs. Wisconsin. Come down for the game and visit the AXP Chapter House, reunite with other Grad Brothers and meet the new members! More details to come.

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

[Alpha Chi Rho - University of Illinois | Groups | LinkedIn](#)

[Alpha Chi Rho: Phi Kappa Alumni | Facebook](#)

Official Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter email: phikappagradchapter@gmail.com

Homecoming 2023 – Saturday, October 21, 2023

Last year's Crow Homecoming was a huge success. Join us again this year to cheer on the Illini and visit the Chapter House. More details to follow.

White Sox Baseball – Sunday, August 13, 2023

It's not Illini football, it's not Bears football, it's not even the Cubs baseball, but it is **BASEBALL WITH THE CROWS!** Your AXP Educational Foundation and the Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter invite you to join us at Guaranteed Rate Field on Sunday, August 13, 2023, at 1:10 pm to cheer on the local nine (or ten with the DH rule) as the Chicago White Sox take on the Milwaukee Brewers. Please send an email to phikappagradchapter@gmail.com if you would like to attend or if you have any questions. Admission tickets are \$35 per person and families and significant others are welcome to attend as well.

Work Weekend – Saturday, July 22nd

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, July 22nd 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 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: [Donate Phi Kappa \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com).

Here's How You Can Help

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact the Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter at PhiKappaGradChapter@gmail.com.

Donations to the Building Association cover capital improvements, upkeep, and maintenance: [Donate Phi Kappa \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

Donations to the Graduate Chapter cover the costs of events and other activities of the Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter: [Donate Phi Kappa \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

Undergraduate Chapter Update

The Spring 2023 Semester was the first in which our new Phi Kappa Colony ran itself, without an officer of the National Fraternity onsite. The Brothers maintained the Chapter House in good condition, held weekly meetings to plan and implement various activities, and fulfilled all the requirements to remain in good standing with the University.

Some of the key Spring 2023 activities included: (a) Philanthropy – Pie A Crow on the Quad to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. In return for a donation, students were able to throw a whipped cream pie in the face of a brave member of their choice. This had the added bonus of being a very public event, which increased our exposure on campus.; (b) Sports – the Colony formed an intramural flag football team, which was not only a good bonding activity, but also got our name out in the Greek and General UofI community; and (c) Brotherhood – the Colony held a Brother Olympics of weightlifting, basketball, and running games.

Although Spring is generally the slow season for recruitment, the undergrads independently ran several rush events and added three new members to the Colony. They began planning for the main Rush season in the Fall and are continuing these discussions over the Summer. Now that they have some recruiting experience under their belts, they are analyzing the various factors that they experienced last year and are geared up for a strong Fall 2023 Rush season!

The first big day of the Fall Semester is Quad Day. It will be on August 20th and is the first and most important day of the Fall Rush Season. This is the day when the undergrads will man a table on the Quad, introduce themselves and the Colony to the U of I community, and gather as many names of prospective members as possible. After that, the next few weeks will see an aggressive effort to convert as many prospective members as possible into Alpha Chi Rho postulates.

The new AXP Phi Kappa Colony has its first two graduates, Brother Matt Chaney and Brother Robert Ferrer.

- Matt Chaney, our re-founding President, graduated with a Bachelors degree in Health Communications; Matt served as President for the SP22-FA22 semesters and on the Exec Board in the SP23 semester. He was an integral part in the re-founding of Alpha Chi Rho at Illinois. He is primarily looking for a job in healthcare administration, but has also applied to some marketing, HR, and logistics roles because of his background.
- Robert Ferrer graduated with a Bachelors degree in Political Science. Robert joined in the Fall '22 semester and previously served as the Fraternity's Social Media Chair. He is looking for a position that is not too permanent, as he plans to apply to law school. His immediate employment plans are to either do volunteer work or work as a paralegal.

Congratulations to our new Graduate Brothers! If you are aware of any good job opportunities that align with their respective interests, please let us know. We wish these two men the best and are excited to see them thrive in their respective futures!

The Graduate Chapter would also like to congratulate Brother Andrew DeMaso on making the Spring 2023 Dean's List. Andrew will be a Junior in the Fall majoring in Advertising. He was one of the original members of our colony and is currently the Recruitment Chair.

Now that the Colony is fully up and running, they also plan to continue and expand their activity in the areas of Philanthropy, Sports, Brotherhood, and Social. The Undergraduates encourage Graduate Brothers to stop by and visit the House anytime they are in the area. They value the opportunity to get to know the alums and to gain a better perspective on the history of our Chapter.

Recruiting Update – Help fill the House – Do you know any potential Members?

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 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!

Phi Kappa Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 5th

The Phi Kappa Annual Meetings will be held at the Chapter House on Saturday, August 5, 2023. 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 at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUGKbAqki5yM6T4mbU6FpeQWvVoYM-MiOaPDq44bwqq6nuaQ/viewform?usp=sf_link 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 at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUGKbAqki5yM6T4mbU6FpeQWvVoYM-MiOaPDq44bwqq6nuaQ/viewform?usp=sf_link 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 1st opening on the Building Association: Kevin Anetsberger. Brother Anetsberger currently serves as President of the Phi Kappa Building Association. In addition, Kevin has been actively involved in the Chapter's re-colonizing efforts. 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 2nd opening on the Building Association: Tom Bode, '83. Brother Bode is a former Undergraduate Chapter President who has stepped up to take an active role with the Building Association. We recommend him for a full term.
- For the 1st opening on the Graduate Chapter Board: Joe Zollner. Brother Zollner is currently on the Graduate Chapter Board. We recommend him for a 3-year term.
- For the 2nd opening on the Graduate Chapter Board: Alex Gordin, '05.5. Brother Gordin served an active role in our prior rechartering efforts and looks forward to helping the House grow. We recommend him for a full 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 23rd. 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 no later than July 22nd.

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.

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Join Zoom Meeting at:

<https://zoom.us/j/94109647995?pwd=N3RwR0hGNkJOQRxVXhFMmlDdE4rdz09>

Meeting ID: 941 0964 7995

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