



## October 2023 Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter Newsletter

**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 in the newsletter.

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](mailto: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. While the Fighting Illini Football team has had a couple of bumps in the road, we won't let that slow down the excitement building with our undergraduates. Come see for yourself.

We have a great BBQ planned at the Chapter House! Game time has not been confirmed yet so the BBQ will depend on the game start time as follows:

- If game starts at 11 am, the BBQ (on the front lawn) starts immediately after the game (approximately 3:00 pm).
- If the game starts at 2:30/3pm, the BBQ starts at Noon.

We invite Brothers, spouses and families to stop by 311 E. Armory to see the Chapter House-- take a house tour, enjoy provided food/beverage, tell some old stories to our undergrads (exaggerating is ok!), and get reacquainted with old friends.

Please RSVP at the link below to help give us a rough idea on attendance:

[Homecoming 2023](#)

Still need a place to stay for the weekend? The house will have a very limited number of rooms available for a \$50 donation. (You'll need to bring an air mattress or sleeping bag.) If interested, please express your interest in the above link.

For those of you who want to hang out at the house and watch the game, we will have the game on the Chapter's projector TV.

Please consider donating to the Graduate Chapter to help cover the costs of homecoming:

[Donate Phi Kappa \(paypal.com\)](#)

### **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](mailto:PhiKappaGradChapter@gmail.com).

Donations to the Building Association cover capital improvements, upkeep, and maintenance:

[Donate Phi Kappa \(paypal.com\)](#)

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

## **National Award Winners**

Four Phi Kappa Graduate Brothers received the prestigious Ziegler Award at the 2023 National Convention. Brother Kevin Anetsberger, Brother Brian Schmidt, Brother Timothy Bextel and Brother Brad LaPayne were all honored and were recognized for their service to Alpha Chi Rho as Graduate Brothers. Their work to support Phi Kappa, and other national initiatives, over the past decade has had a significant positive impact on the Fraternity. The bonds they built - and continue to build - as both Undergraduate and Graduate Brothers are at the heart of each of these Phi Kappa's volunteer leaders. Congratulations Brothers!

## **Undergraduate Chapter Update**

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**

Fraternity Rush these days is different than the way many of us remember it. There is no longer a 3-day Formal Rush with a structured schedule. Rush now starts with setting up a table on Quad Day, gathering as many names as possible and then contacting those young men. Using this list in addition to any other names that have been gathered, PNM's ("Potential New Members") are invited to a series of social events at the House. Phi Kappa's events included a barbeque, game watch parties for Illini and NFL games, movie night and dodgeball. As our guys get to know the PNM's, formal bids are extended with a requested date to respond.

The undergrads are hard at work on recruitment and should have an update on pledges in the near future as the planned rush activities come to an end in the next week or two. Over 25 bids have been given out, and we hope that a good portion of those will be accepted by the end of the rush period.

The undergrads are always interested in meeting as many alums as possible, and invite you all to come to Champaign for Homecoming and stop by the House!

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!

## **Phi Kappa Annual Meeting Notes**

The Phi Kappa Annual Meetings, both the Building Association and the Graduate Chapter, were held at the Chapter House on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

Building Association meeting highlights: Overall, the physical House is in relatively good shape. We continue to update, repair and improve it as we continue the transition from housing renters to housing the Phi Kappa Chapter. The mortgage was refinanced with improved financial conditions and the overall value of the property continues to increase. We do need Undergraduate Brothers to occupy the House (13 is our breakeven number). Various financial options including out-of-house Brother dues and fundraising were discussed. Kevin Anetsberger and Tom Bode were elected to three-year terms on the Board. Full election results are as follows:

- Kevin Anetsberger (Class of 1983) - President
- Linc Hobson (Class of 1983) - Vice President
- Jacob Gamboa (Class of 2014) - Treasurer
- Tom Fife (Class of 1988) - Secretary
- Tim Bextel (Class of 2005) - Board Member
- Tom Bode (Class of 1983) - Board Member
- Jason Luckis (Class of 2009) - Board Member
- Jonathan Lippner (Class of 2014) - Board Member

Graduate Chapter meeting highlights: The Graduate Chapter continues to work on its two largest goals. First, reconnecting Graduate Brothers to each other and to the House. Second, helping the Undergraduate Chapter through its colonization efforts. The Graduate Chapter hosted three successful events over the last year: Homecoming BBQ event at the chapter house on 10/15/22; a Chicago area Happy Hour on 12/2/22; and a Blackhawks Hockey game on 2/19/23. We are hosting Homecoming at the Chapter House on October 21<sup>st</sup>. We encourage all Graduate Brothers to attend our events and we are looking for ideas for additional events. On the Undergraduate front, we are actively supporting the Chapter as they look to move from a Colony to a full chapter. We need to get to around 25 active members in order to take that step. Joe Zollner and Alex Gordin were elected to three-year terms on the Board. Full election results are as follows:

- Jonathon Binkley (Class of 2015) - President
- Joe Zollner (Class of 1986) - Vice President
- Alex Kay (Class of 2015) - Treasurer
- Andy Kosowsky (Class of 1987) - Mentoring Director
- Dale Marquart (Class of 1982) - Communications Director
- Vince Kurr (Class of 1985) - Events Director
- Alex Gordin (Class of 2005) - Secretary