



May 2024 Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter Newsletter

Save the Date: Saturday, June 1, 2024. Crow Happy Hour in Rosemont.

Save the Date: Saturday, July 13, 2024 – Phi Kappa Building Association and Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter Annual Meetings at the Chapter House on Campus.

Save the Date: Sunday, July 28, 2024 – White Sox Baseball Game.

Save the Date: Saturday, August 3, 2024 – House Work Day.

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

Undergraduate Chapter Update

Hello Brothers,

The Graduate Chapter and the National Fraternity have made the difficult decision to temporarily disband the Phi Kappa Colony at the University of Illinois. Starting the colony under Covid restrictions and an earlier move back into the house than anticipated proved to be too much of a headwind for the fledgling group. Although we recruited a number of excellent young men, the colony never gained the momentum necessary to carry itself forward toward full Chapter status. The Building Association has secured a lease with DKE, which will provide the cash flow necessary to keep the house in order until we can mount a new effort at recolonization. Our intent is to try again in a few years with the knowledge from this experience and a better set of circumstances on campus. We look forward to once again making the Phi Kappa Chapter home for future Crows on the U of I campus.

The Graduate Chapter has and will continue to work closely with National and the U of I Office of Fraternity Affairs in preparation for our future re-colonization effort.

If you have any further questions, or wish to assist in the effort, please reach out to phikappagradchapter@gmail.com

Jonathon Binkley, President - Graduate Chapter of Phi Kappa of Alpha Chi Rho
Kevin Anetsberger, President - Phi Kappa Building Association

Graduate Brother Spotlight

Please read this highly enlightening and entertaining article written by Ed Seaward on his website "Profiles from the Bright Side of the Road" regarding Brother Brian Bland ('61):

<https://edseaward.com/2020/10/07/brian-bland-of-words-radio/>

Happy Hour and Bowling – Saturday, June 1, 2024

We are excited to announce the first Alumni Event of 2024 hosted by the Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter!

Join us for an afternoon of brotherhood, bonding, dining, drinks, and if you are feeling brave even a little bowling!

When:

Saturday June 1st, 2024
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Where:

King's Dining and Entertainment
5505 Park Pl,
Rosemont, IL 60018

Link to Menu: <https://www.playatkings.com/rosemont-menus/>

Parking:

On site at the Parkway Bank Park Entertainment District Parking Garage
Free with validation at the event location.

We hope you will join us on June 1st to kick off the summer!

White Sox Baseball – Sunday, July 28, 2024

The Phi Kappa Graduate Chapter invites you to join us at Guaranteed Rate Field on Sunday, July 28, 2024, at 1:10 pm to cheer on the Chicago White Sox as they take on the Seattle Mariners! 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. We hope to see you there!

Phi Kappa Annual Meetings on Saturday, July 13, 2024

The Phi Kappa Annual Meetings will be held at the Chapter House on Saturday, July 13, 2024. 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 phikappagradchapter@gmail.com if you can join us.

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

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 phikappagradchapter@gmail.com 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: Jake Gamboa
 - o Brother Gamboa currently serves as a Director of the Phi Kappa Building Association. The Nominating Committee recommends him for another 3-year term.
- For the 2nd opening on the Building Association: Linc Hobson
 - o Brother Hobson currently serves as a Director of the Phi Kappa Building Association. The Nominating Committee recommends him for another 3-year term.
- For the 1st opening on the Graduate Chapter Board: Open
 - o We are looking for an interested Brother to fill this role.
- For the 2nd opening on the Graduate Chapter Board: Open
 - o We are looking for an interested Brother to fill this role.
- For the 3rd opening on the Graduate Chapter Board: Open
 - o We are looking for an interested Brother to fill this role.

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 Friday evening, July 12th. 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 12th, 2024.

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 so those of you joining virtually will be able to hear us. In order to keep the meeting running on schedule and avoid excessive background noise, Jonathon Binkley and Alex Gordin – the current Graduate Chapter Board President and Secretary – 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 at:

<https://zoom.us/j/94109647995?pwd=N3RwR0hGNkJOQURxVXhFMmlDdE4rdz09>

Meeting ID: 941 0964 7995
Passcode: 276381

Work Weekend – Saturday, August 3, 2024

In preparation for renting the Chapter House to DKE, the Building Association will be hosting a work weekend on Saturday, August 3rd 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 help ensure that the House remains a source of Phi Kappa pride. 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:

https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=K2437WYYDZ9YL

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:
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