



Kappa Chapter News
Letter of 2001

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Dear Brothers,

Homecoming 2001 The event was a bit quieter at the house than we would have liked. The actives had things in pretty good shape. The new cook, Dottie, had hors d'oeuvres for the social hour and a very nice buffet for dinner. All in all a nice do. Harry and Pam Jones stopped as did Ralf Turley and Ruth Ann, John Benedict and Joyce, Geoff Brugler, Dan Stearns, Matt Hilbert and Adam Graswick. There were others I did not get to say hello to – my apologies. Sunday was the annual board meeting. Elections were held with myself taking over as president, Geoff Brugler V.P., Bob Kohler treasurer, and Adam Graswick secretary. Dan Stearns and Matt continue on the board. Matt will take over the Student Aide Fund. A big thank you is due to Matt Hilbert for his years as president. We appreciate your time and efforts. Thanks!

The masonry project will move ahead. Other than the above, we had the work done that was needed for the fire marshal and code inspection.

We hope to see more of you in the future. We will get information out on a more timely basis in the future. We will deal better with problems of TBA for game times.

The Kappa Chapter House '75 As I mentioned in above article, we were preparing for the boroughs annual safety inspection of the house. We who are a bit more mature (graduating 40 or more years ago) don't remember this process. It did not exist back in the '50s and before. The codes have been adopted since then. With the age of the house (built in 1926) various systems just wear out. The inspection repairs and upkeep required by us – the alumni (corporate owners of the house) continues to increase. The house is 75 years old and never had a major renovation. Commercial buildings – hotels, apartments, offices, etc. – get a major renovation/refit at 35 or 40 years. We are way behind. Consequently, we need a lot of patching just to stay even with the code requirements and keep the doors open. As owners, the borough requires us to provide a safe building.

The fire code is probably the most important and requires many different pieces to meet the requirements. We are presently reviewing an upgrade to our fire alarm system

to provide 24 hour monitoring. Theta Chi has such a system. It is credited with the helping to save their house in a kitchen fire 3 or 4 years ago.

To better assess our physical condition, we have had a thorough evaluation of the house and its systems. Leo Johnson, class of '58 (a vintage year) is a commercial architect in Washington, D.C. He spent 4 days on site going over the entire house and documenting its condition, plus a series of photos. He then spent several days compiling the data. Other houses have spent \$15,000 to \$20,000 for this same service. Kudos to Leo and a tip of the Phi Sig Hat. Thank you. Bottom line is that the house after 75 years is worn out. A copy of his summary is enclosed. Complete report will be available at Founders Day, 16 to 17 March 2002. See you all there and thanks again to Leo.

Founders Day 2002 A heads up for March 16 and 17 of 2002 – Founders Day. We are working on a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for the Kappa Chapter House. Whoever the builder was, he done did good. Please keep the date open and more information to come in 30 days. Maybe even a Web site by then. Any ideas for Founders Day? Stories, memorabilia, party photos? Think about it and send us your ideas.

2001 Gifts Enclosed is the annual gift form. As always, you have a choice. Please give it your due consideration. We hope this year you will consider the Annual Drive. That will enable us to complete the masonry work, keep up with code work, and safety requirements, upgrade the fire alarm system, and help with a professional newsletter service plus Web site. It's ambitious, but Kappa is worth it. Questions or comments – call or write. My e-mail should be up and running by end of month. A new age for me. Alumni wishing to gift securities may do so. The chapter has an account. Please call "Bear" for further info at this State College phone or e-mail at KY3@PSU.EDU.

To all Brothers and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – and may the spirit of Christmas abide with all of us throughout the New Year.

Fraternally,

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