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Alumni gathered for dinner to celebrate Kappa Chapter's recolonization.

Letter from the President: Alumni Celebrate University Recolonization Decision

With great pleasure, I write this letter to announce that the UW IFC Council has unanimously voted to return Kappa Chapter of Chi Phi to campus. Although the task was difficult, we kept the faith after our September 23 meeting with the IFC executive board. I thank the 33 Brothers who traveled to Madison for our board meeting and for the volumes of letters and e-mails supporting Chi Phi's return to campus. A number of Kappa Brothers and two Brothers from National attended the IFC meeting on November 9 to present our petition to recolonize. After we presented, we waited outside the Red Gym room for the outcome. When the IFC president gave us the news, a collective cheer of emotion erupted. We did it!

More Madison-Area Alumni Needed
The first big hurdle was cleared, and now the work begins. On page 2 there is a checklist of things we must complete for recolonization. Please read this carefully and help where you can. We need four to eight more alumni in the Madison area to step up and join the Chapter Advisory Committee. **Joe Hildebrandt '66** has graciously volunteered as chairman, along with **Bill Steinberg '68** and **Andrew DeMarco '90**.

**Send in Your
Recruitment Recommendations**
We are planning to spend approximately \$35,000 to have **Paul Janowicz, Alpha Chi '08**, and **Rich Kuerston, Mu Zeta '02**, from National campaign for

our Chapter this fall. Our goal is to pledge 30 new members. We have six legacy candidates in school now or planning to attend this fall. Please promote your Fraternity and send in recruitment recommendations. Remember, sons of Chi Phis are automatic pledges. Help in our recruitment.

The PIKE's are very good tenants and are easy to work with. They have elected to take the fourth-year rent option. They will occupy the house in fall 2010 and spring 2011. Assuming we are successful in our recruitment efforts, we will move back into the house as an active Chapter in fall 2011, That's right, we are coming back!

Alumni Association Solidifies Recolonization Goals

The alumni association continues to work diligently and performed an alignment exercise, led by Andrew DeMarco. The purpose was to get all board members on the same page, strengthening our resolve as we move toward recolonization. We answered a questionnaire and accumulated thoughts and information. The results gave us a platform to unanimously commit our energy to the recolonization success. With an active Chapter, our future is solid. Please read our mission statement below and consider what these words mean.

We have formed a social committee to plan one main social function and two smaller gatherings each year. Please see the insert for more information.

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Kappa Chapter Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni, we value your referrals. If you know of any legacies or quality young men with Chi Phi character heading to UW, tell us about them. Send prospect information to **Jim Trotter '78** at kstjet@sbcglobal.net. Jim will personally see that each man is contacted.



CHI PHI
Authentic

Kappa Chapter's Mission Statement

Kappa Chapter of Chi Phi endeavors to create an environment where young men can learn and live a connected and respectable Greek lifestyle as a student at the University of Wisconsin.



KAPPA RECOLONIZATION KEY DATES AND CHECKPOINTS FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

May 1 *Finalize Commitments from Madison Colony/ Chapter Advisors*

The group should include at least three to seven members who can commit at least five hours a month to working with the new Kappa Chapter. Members, guided by National, will attend undergraduate meetings on a regular basis, provide advice and guidance, and report significant news to the Kappa Alumni Association Board.

May 31 *Approve Expansion Budget*

A tentative expansion budget will be prepared prior to this date, but the Kappa Alumni Association will need to discuss and approve the expenses and expectations for repayment to the National office before we can proceed.

Solicit Recruitment/ Legacy Recommendations

On every expansion project the National office asks local alumni to forward the names of men they know currently attending the target school who may be a good fit for our new Chapter. We will want to get these names as soon as possible so we can begin building an interest group over the summer. This project will be a joint effort between the National office and Kappa Alumni Association.

July 16-18

Chi Phi's 145th Congress will take place in Boston, Massachusetts. This is not a mandatory event but provides a great opportunity for Kappas to network with other Chi Phi alumni and stay involved on a national level.

July 31 *Complete Alumni Advisory Board Training*

Our National staff will work with the members of the Advisory Board to schedule the training sessions (we will likely have two to three sessions that last between 45-90 minutes). For convenience and cost purposes, the sessions will be conducted remotely with the use of webinars and teleconferences.

Finalize Expansion Schedule/ Recruitment Criteria

Once again, the National office will assemble a tentative plan for expansion efforts in Madison and create criteria to rate potential new members, but the Alumni Association will have a say in the final product. Once the schedule is set, it should be made available to other Kappa alumni so they can join us for the appropriate events, such as alumni socials and the first pledging ceremony.

IFC COUNCIL VOTES TO RETURN

(Continued from page 1)

What You Can Do to Help Kappa Chapter:

1. Provide us with your son's name or potential members we can actively recruit; this is our number one priority.
2. Volunteer to help your Chapter succeed. We need more Madison volunteers.
3. Plan to attend our social functions. Remember, we joined Chi Phi because we fit in there. It's a lot of fun to see your Brothers again. Make Chi Phi a part of your life.
4. Continue to donate to help pay for this communication.
5. Prepare to visit the house in fall of 2011 on football weekends.
6. Join in because it's fun!

Thank You, Brothers, for Your Support

What we have accomplished to date is remarkable. Many of us had doubts, but we have persevered and now there is an even bigger job ahead. I thank each wonderful Brother who has stepped up and helped bring Chi Phi back to 200 Langdon Street. I thank everyone who provided financial support in these tough times. I thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer and help in our success.

Chi Phi Continues to Change Lives

Chi Phi was very important in each of our lives. Fraternities are as relevant today as they were in the past. Remember when you first walked into the house and knew this was the place for you? You talked with the guys and felt you fit in. There was a sense of, "These guys think like I do." You were comfortable in your surroundings. You joined, and you joined for life. You then met a woman who thought like you do, and again felt a sense of belonging. You may have dated, fallen in love, or pinned that girl. You may have married her. You went on with life and shared successes and failures, but the trend was very positive in your endeavors. Your Fraternity gave you the foundation to reach for your goals. How relevant is that? Is it any different today?

Chi Phi: A Platform for Life Success

Our purpose is to establish Chi Phi as a platform for success in life. This includes academics, leadership, responsibility, social networking, a sense of belonging, spirituality, and brotherhood, all wrapped up as a home away from home. Chi Phi is your home on campus and a springboard for life success.

We are bringing Chi Phi back to the University of Wisconsin, so get on board! This is a perfect opportunity to shape a new image of our Kappa Chapter and there is no turning back. I am very proud to lead this wonderful association and share our accomplishments.

Fraternally,
Jim Trotter '78, Alumni Association President
(262) 352-1716 | ksjet@sbcglobal.net

Kappa Chapter of Chi Phi Dinner Social

In celebration of the unanimous UW IFC Council vote to allow Chi Phi to return to campus, we organized a social event in Madison.

On January 15 we met at the Madison Club for cocktails and dinner. Thanks go to Catherine and **Andrew DeMarco '90** and **John Morton '86** for planning this occasion.

These events are a lot of fun. Meeting and talking with Chi Phi Brothers is a special time. Although the attendance was low, good times were had. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were excellent and the steak and shrimp dinner was fabulous.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, July 31 for the kickoff annual summer retreat. See the insert for more information.



Jim Trotter '78, Andrew DeMarco '90, and Tom Rowe '60 rekindled their Chi Phi spirit and commitment to recolonization at the dinner social.

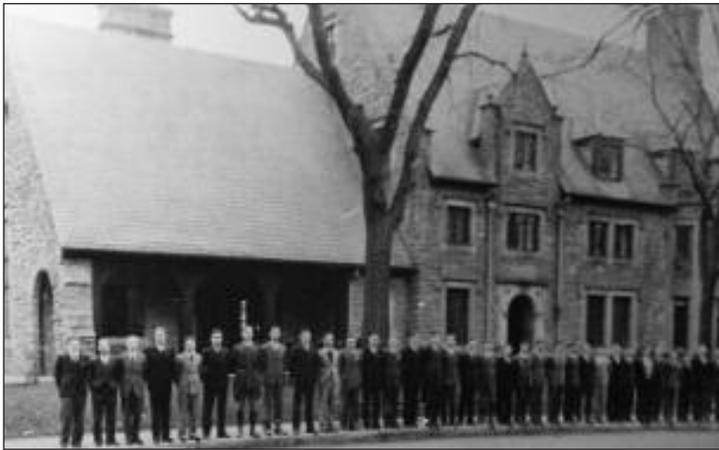


Mike Formella '85 and Andrew DeMarco '90 helped create plans for Kappa's recolonization efforts.



In Trying Times, Greatest Generation and Their Forebears Preserve Chi Phi

Our story opens in July 1934. While the U.S. economy has shown signs of growth for the first time since 1929, the rate of unemployment remains above 20%. In Madison, the Kappa Chapter is about to begin its fifth year in the new home constructed at the northwest corner of Langdon and Henry. To fund the structure, the active and alumni members were asked to make pledges in the form of building fund notes, payable to the house cor-



The Kappa Chapter House in 1928.

poration—the annual payment topping out at \$25 (\$400 in 2010). In addition to the notes, alumni were required to pay annual dues of \$10 (\$150 in 2010).

In Madison, Brother **Bill Haacke '19** is gravely concerned about the financial health of the alumni association. As the economy has worsened, more of the building fund notes are in arrears and the annual dues are left unpaid. Presently, receivables from members and alumni stand at nearly \$10,000 (\$160,000 in 2010). With another \$2,400 coming due on September 30, the outlook looks sour, especially considering that more than \$4,500 remains outstanding from 1932-33.

In early August, Bill sends an optimistic note to one of the Brothers who steps up to help out. Although current in his dues, and having satisfied his building notes, Brother **Lloyd Strope '20** sends a check for \$25. Bill responds:

“Dear Lloyd, Bless your soul, and thanks for the \$25. I am, however, entering this receipt as an account payable. I hope to have this back to you on or before December 1. Many thanks for the loan.”

Unfortunately for Bill and Lloyd and the rest of the Kappas, the challenges will only get bigger as the nation will continue to be tested by a tough economy. And ominously, on August 19, Adolf Hitler will be named Führer in Germany.

**Part one of a three-part story. Look for part two in the next Meteor newsletter.*

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*We need at least eight more Madison volunteers. Please contact **Jim Trotter '78** at (262) 352-1716 or ksjet@sbcglobal.net if you are interested. We need your help!

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Andrew DeMarco '90 Urges Alumni Involvement Support Is Critical for Success of Kappa Chapter

When it comes to the recolonization of Kappa Chapter at the University of Wisconsin, **Andrew DeMarco '90** is definitely on board. Having served the Alumni Association on and off for several years, he witnessed the unfortunate closing of Kappa Chapter in 2007. “I was on the receiving end of the initial phone discussions with National saying we had to close the Chapter. Subsequently, I worked to get **Jim Trotter '78** established as the new alumni board president. To see the work he and the board have done to bring things back is truly amazing.”

Andrew believes that recolonization success depends on the breadth and depth of alumni involvement. “The concern is to capture our collective energy and passion to get this to work. I think when alumni are asked to support, either financially or by participating, we are protective of our time and fear the worst in terms of commitment. To counter this, I think we need lots of people to offer just a little bit of help—financially, formally and informally—to broaden our foundation of support.”

Somewhat delayed by a career that included three time-consuming but successful start-ups, Andrew finally earned an executive MBA from the UW School of Business. Today he is manag-



ing partner at Bridge Business Partners and is affiliated with Scientific Commercialization, both management consulting firms. Andrew advises senior executives in improving the link between their strategy and performance by helping them align stakeholders, manage change, and innovate organizationally to be more competitive.

A resident of Madison, Andrew and his wife, Catherine, have two children, Jack and Gabby. In his free time he enjoys fly-fishing, bird hunting, playing golf, and water and snow sports. Andrew serves on the board of Semba Bioscience and the Wisconsin Technology Council Entrepreneurs' Conference. E-mail him at ademarco@bridgebp.com.

Thank You, Loyal Alumni

Thank you to our loyal alumni who since the fall of 2008 have contributed \$11,395 with 98 total gifts. The support you give makes a difference to the future of our Chapter. The recolonization efforts of Kappa Chapter at the University of Wisconsin are becoming even stronger with your loyalty. We hope more alumni will join their Brothers and contribute to our ongoing annual campaign. Your interest and involvement make a difference in the success of our recolonization efforts.

Contributors are listed below in graduation order. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, please contact Treasurer **Bill Kirchen '77** at the Alumni Association of Kappa of Chi Phi, P.O. Box 398, Cedarburg, WI 53012 or via e-mail at wkirchen@wi.rr.com. Thank you for your support!

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ALUMNI NEWS

Joseph P. "Monk" Collentine '48 is retired and enjoys spending his time traveling, wood working, watercolor painting, and playing golf. He likes to meet up with **John Brady '45** and his wife, Pat, and **Clarence "Red" Loebel '48** and his wife, Joan. Monk and his wife, Sheila, live in Racine, Wis., and have five grown children: Patricia, Tim, Ellen, John, and Bill. E-mail: monkc22@sbcglobal.net

Ogden D. Gray '50 is retired from investment banking and stays involved in church missionary work in Guatemala. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Naples, Fla.

William Harvey '63 writes, "I'm retired but seem to be working harder than ever. I like to go trout fishing whenever possible." He lives in Commerce Township, Minn. E-mail: w.h.harvey@comcast.net

James A. McMillin '63 moved from downtown Chicago to Elgin, Ill., two years ago. "We built a nice little home and are enjoying it. Life is good," he says. Jim has 12 grandchildren and six "granddogs." He says hi to all the Brothers and fondly recalls his days at Kappa Chapter. E-mail: jmcmillin@aol.com

Bill Saemann '77 is a member of the Kappa Alumni Association. He is excited Kappa Chap-

ter is returning to Madison and highly recommends other alumni help the cause. "It's a great time reacquainting with old Brothers for a great cause." E-mail: billsaemann@yahoo.com

Patrick Killingsworth '79 wrote *Living with Multiple Myeloma* (published by Mira Digital Press). He was diagnosed with an incurable type of bone marrow cancer in April 2007 at the age of 51. Pat has achieved a temporary remission with a combination of extensive radiation and chemotherapy. The book is about his struggle to cope with cancer and is designed to provide hope for other myeloma patients and their families. Pat's wife, Pattie, is a two-time cancer survivor and they started a Web site, www.helpwithcancer.org, to help others affected by cancer. Pat lives in Weeki Wachee, Fla. E-mail: pat@helpwithcancer.org

Robert Zignego '85 and his wife, Erika, live in Hartford, Wis., and have seven children: William, Charles, Veronica, Jessica, Nicole, Sophia, and Vincent. Robert is the owner of Zignego Company. E-mail: bigbuckbob@netwurx.net

Robert Goeckel '97 and his wife, Susan, moved from Chicago to the suburb of Hinsdale in May. They welcomed their first son, Robert, in September. Rob is senior vice president at Bank of America. E-mail: rgoekel@yahoo.com