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RECHARTERING MAKES ALUMNI PROUD

Exciting News Ahead for Kappa Chapter

Have you heard the news? The Kappa Chapter of Chi Phi Fraternity was rechartered September 22, 2012. This was quite an accomplishment in itself, but more so was how we accomplished this milestone. There was no playbook to follow, yet we came back faster and stronger than any Chi Phi chapter has done historically. Consequently Kappa Chapter is now National's chapter to follow on how to re-establish a fraternity.

In the beginning of this rechartering period in 2007, we re-tooled an alumni association, gathering local brothers to help on the board of directors and assist in rechartering efforts. This board requested that Chi Phi National place Kappa Charter in temporary receivership and evict current members/tenants from the house. Soon after, the board received a capital note from a bank in Madison and began making repairs on the house so it would be ready when

new brothers were ready to move in, as well as paid off debts. We worked out a lease with another fraternity providing essential cash flow and turned the house over to them in August 2007. The board hired a new public relations and consulting firm in order to re-establish communication with alumni.

During this time the board began planning a strategy in preparation for future recruitment endeavors. In this recruitment planning stage, alumni met with Madison police, UW administration, IFC, Panhellenic and a representative from Chi Phi National in order to comply with rules and regulations and in hopes of gaining support from other organizations. We were approved to come back on campus. While replanning our recruitment strategy we continued to repair and renovate the house. Below is a list of repairs that were made:

- Rebuilt stairway first-floor landing
- Rebuilt chimney
- New boilers and mechanicals
- All new windows in bedrooms
- New women's restroom
- General maintenance

While much work was completed, there was still more to do. After assistance from the National office, the board of directors took back full ownership of the house and 14 colony members moved in August 2011. National representatives and local alumni worked closely with the colony, guiding them through the process of re-establishing Chi Phi on campus. National evaluated the colony's work along the way and we achieved accreditation with distinction twice. The active colony did a spectacular and timely job to earn our charter in record time. As you know, we rechartered last September. Representatives from Chi Phi, including Grand Alpha Jim Soderquist, were present for the ceremonious occasion. It was a proud day for all Chi Phis. The Chapter is strong with more than 40 members. If you haven't been to the house you need to go and meet these young men.

The Kappa Chapter is back on campus and better than ever. We couldn't have done it without the support from the board and alumni near and far. Thank you for your unwavering support.

Fraternally in the Bond,
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Kappa Chapter of Chi Phi.



The Kappa Chapter Charter

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.



CHI PHI
Authentic



Alumnus Served for more than 30 Years in Public Service

Charles Robb '61 Developed Lifelong Friendships through Chi Phi

Charles “Chuck” Robb '61 has led a very public life. From marrying Lynda Bird Johnson in the White House in 1967 to serving as lieutenant governor, then governor of Virginia, two terms in the United States Senate and a decade on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, public service has been part of his life for more than 30 years. Now, Chuck enjoys giving back through various commissions and advisory boards and spending time with his grandchildren. “They live near us and come over frequently,” Chuck said. “Lynda and I love it whenever they stop by to see us.”



But before he was a grandfather, a Marine, a senator, and a governor, he was a member of Chi Phi Fraternity. Chuck’s journey as a Chi Phi began at the Xi Chapter at Cornell University. Chuck said that the Cornell Chi Phi house was perched out over a beautiful gorge. When he transferred to the University of Wisconsin at Madison on an NROTC Scholarship he said he fit in immediately with the members at Kappa Chapter. “I developed a number of lasting friendships with Kappa Chapter brothers,” he said. “I’ve kept in touch with many over the years, mostly by exchanging Christmas cards, now more than 50 years after graduation.”

In his senior year, Chuck was the Brigade Commander of all ROTC units on campus and, after receiving his bachelors in business administration degree at graduation, Chuck began active duty with the United States Marines Corps, which included a tour as an infantry company commander in Vietnam. At his 1967 wedding to President Lyndon B. Johnson’s daughter in the White House—the only daughter to be married in the

White House in almost 100 years—one of his Kappa brothers was in the wedding and several attended as guests.

Chuck’s career in politics began as class president in high school and as a member of the Student Senate at Wisconsin. But his first major political office was in 1977 when he won the election for lieutenant governor of Virginia, and four years later he won election as Virginia’s 64th governor. After serving as governor, he was elected to represent Virginia in the United States Senate from 1989 to 2001.

Since retiring from the Senate, Chuck has served on a number of advisory boards and commissions, including co-chairing the President’s Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction and the failure of intelligence on Iraqi, as well as the Iraq Study Group, a bipartisan panel appointed by the U.S. Congress. He also served on the FBI Director’s Advisory Board, the Secretary of State’s International Security Advisory Board and on the President’s Foreign Intelligent Advisory Board. In 2001 he joined the faculty at George Mason University as a Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy.

Chuck believes that fraternity life helps young men discover who they are and what they want to do in life. He says his fraternity experience gave him many friendships that he still values to this day. Chuck and Lynda live in McLean, Virginia. Chuck enjoys playing golf, traveling with family and friends, and being a grandfather. E-mail Chuck at csr612@cox.net.

THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI

Thank you to our loyal alumni who responded to the Chapter’s fall 2012 appeal by contributing \$8,080 with 44 gifts. Your support makes a difference in the future of Kappa Chapter as Chi Phi re-establishes itself at the University of Wisconsin.

Contributors are listed below in graduation order. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, please contact **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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Is There Still Any Fun in Fundraising?

By Ace Danger, Staff Correspondent

I tidied the six stacks of paper in front of me one more time. I was a week past deadline. The booze had worn off two days ago, and my adrenaline reserves were running on empty. I had to finish this article, and I had to do it now. How could I make this confusing and boring topic both interesting and understandable, and finish it before I got myself fired? It was time to swallow my pride. I called "The Oracle." The phone rang twice, and then, amazingly, he answered.

"Fish, this is Ace."

"Ace, the lowest card in the deck. Why, aren't you lower than the smallest piece of whale—"

I interrupted. "Fish, I need some help. It's urgent. I'm writing an article for the *Meteor* on the various Chi Phi-related funds and accounts to which donations can be made, and I need some clarification."

"Ace, you have come to the right person. Let me start by reminding you of a parable I wrote 10 long years ago, called the Tale of the Two Pilots. The story starts when a group of fishermen gathers..."

I put the phone down while Fish continued his story, oblivious to my disinterest. This was not going to help me finish the article.

I decided it was time to make the call I was dreading. I picked up my cell phone since Fish was still holding court on the other line and dialed up the Alumni Association president.

After he answered, I jumped right in: "Russ, Ace Danger here. I need some help trying to finish my article."

"Ace, that article was due a week ago. I'm reviewing several resumes of possible replacements for you right now."

"Russ, can you just help me finish this without the condescension?" That silenced him for a second. "I just need information about each of the funds to which Chi Phi alumni can donate to."

"Alright, Ace, get your pen ready."

I did, and this is what I discovered. There are five different entities to which alumni, family and friends to donate:

Red Triangle Foundation, Inc.

- Named after the founders of the Kappa Chapter in Madison, prior to having their charter proposal accepted by Chi Phi National
- It is a 501(c)(3) corporation, so contributions are tax deductible
- Raises money for educational purposes dedicated solely to the Kappa Chapter
- Funds are managed by a volunteer board of trustees, so overhead is virtually non-existent

Alumni Association of Kappa of Chi Phi, Inc.

- Manages the property at 200 Langdon, where needs are constant for the beautiful, 85-year-old house
- Funds annual gatherings for the 900+ alumni of Kappa Chapter
- Contributions are not tax deductible
- Serves to mentor the active Chapter, help recruiting efforts, and provide a safe, sound, and attractive home for current and future Chi Phis

Chi Phi Fund

- The National Fraternity's annual fund used to cover the gap between what students' dues cover and the overall cost of running the national fraternity, roughly 35%
- Used to run National and projects

such as the Chi Phi Greek Life Museum

- Uses unrestricted funds donated to Chi Phi Educational Trust in addition to donations made directly to the Chi Phi Fund

Chi Phi Educational Trust

- Part of the Chi Phi National fundraising effort
- Currently operating the *Changing Lives* Campaign
- Contributions are tax deductible
- Manages each chapter's Chapter Excellence Fund, used to fund scholarships and educational-related expenses at the Chapter House
- Trying to raise \$10 million overall and establish a Chapter Excellence Fund for each chapter with at least \$25,000
- Managed by a board of trustees

Kappa Chapter of Chi Phi

- The active Chapter at 200 Langdon
- Contributions are not tax deductible

After finishing my notes, I picked up the receiver for my landline. Fish was finishing a story on the history of Schwanstucker racing. I listened politely and made a few more notes for a future article. When he finished, I thanked him and hung up the phone.

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CHAPTER ETERNAL

W. Tad Murphy '56 entered Chapter Eternal February 17, 2012. He leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Virginia; his son, Mark; daughters, Maureen Barton and Marilee Brooks; and many grandchildren. He was a devoted family man and found much joy in his family. His legacy will forever be felt by those who loved him. "He had many fond memories of Chi Phi. We always enjoyed the activities, and the pictures of the Chi Phi house evoke fond memories," Virginia said.

James A. Garvens '58 entered Chapter Eternal February 8, 2012. He is survived by Lorna, his wife of 54 years; his children: Jim, Jon, Jay, Grant, and Sandy; his daughters-in-law: Angie, Marlo, and Angela; and many grandchildren. City Hall officials were surprised and saddened to learn of Jim's death. "It really makes you mindful of how fragile in some ways life is," Mayor Steve Ponto said, "And how important it is to make the most of each day. I think Jim did that. He was really fully engaged to the end." Jim had been a city alderman since 1991. He was a retired corporate executive who ran several businesses, including a division within Johnson Controls.

John Sandner '70 entered Chapter Eternal at age 59 of ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's Disease) on January 20, 2007. He lived with the disease for six years and still managed to enjoy life. During that time he said, "I'm a lucky man; my life is good because my friends from all over the country show up to help me and entertain me." John is survived by many family and friends.



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Undergraduates Organize Philanthropy Event, Hope to Raise \$35,000 *Actives Involved in Intramurals, Internships and Part-Time Jobs*

Following the Kappa Chapter's successful chartering ceremony in September, the brothers of Chi Phi have been hard at work. The Chapter continues to grow, now at 42 men with new members awaiting initiation. Relations within the Greek community only get better while brotherhood and academics remain strong. There is a lot for our Chapter to be proud of, and even more to look forward to in the semesters to come.

While receiving a charter demonstrates the quality of men our Chapter has, it simply marks a checkpoint for our success. Through effective recruitment practices and the hard work of our New Member Education team, nine new members were initiated in December. As numbers increase, our presence on campus becomes more apparent.

From philanthropy, brotherhood activities, and chapter events, Chi Phi has made a name for ourselves within the Greek community. For the first time since recolonizing, we have advanced to the final show of Humorology with Pi Beta

Phi Sorority. In addition to this, our philanthropy committee has worked with the sponsoring organization Ask.Listen.Save. for an annual walk to raise awareness and provide funding for suicide prevention. The committee hopes to raise more than \$35,000 at the event in April.

Aside from brotherhood events, the men of Chi Phi have maintained a solid GPA just over 3.1. In addition, many participate in intramurals and have internships or part-time jobs. While the brothers remain busy around campus, we stay true to the values of Chi Phi. We remind ourselves that we could not have made such progress without the help of our generous alumni. We thank you for your dedication and invite you to stop by the Chapter House.



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Members volunteer at the Taste of Madison event.

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