



# Delta Dispatch

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## BROTHERS, WE NEED YOUR HELP

### *Additional Alumni Contributions Necessary to Close Campaign*

In an effort that started over four years ago, *The Castle Renovation: Engineering the Future of Sigma Phi Delta* project is quickly becoming a reality. We have over \$857,000 pledged with \$411,636 collected to date. The new floor plans are nearly complete, including changes necessary to meet current building codes. Now, final layout of mechanical and kitchen equipment is all that needs to be completed to start the contractor bidding process. That said, we are still on track to break ground this summer.

As I reflect on all the work put in by so many people and look ahead to what's needed to make this project a success, my thoughts turn to all of those who have not pledged or contributed. Several years ago, when the idea of this project was hatched around a fire pit, everyone in attendance recognized the need for a major chapter house renovation. As we looked toward each other for affirmation, a single thought crept into my head—**If not us, who?**

Who else besides us could get the ball rolling to make a difference for Delta Chapter and our future brothers? Who else besides us could provide leadership, both in planning/execution and financial contributions? Who else besides us could ensure the house is well equipped to build upon our brotherhood for the next 50 years?

Brothers **Don Nelson '82**, **Steve Denny '72**, and **Jeff Schneider '78** have been instrumental in financial planning and goal setting for this project. The latest pro formas they have built and fine-tuned show that we have a gap of around \$150,000 to make this project a reality without creating cash flow issues for our house corporation.

So, I ask, have you contributed to this project? If not, why not? If you aren't able to make a financial contribution at this time, can you make a pledge that's payable in a year or two? Can you help in other ways, such as reaching out to brothers from your era who have not contributed or may not be fully up to speed on this project? Every contribution in time, money, and leadership is critical as we near the starting line of the largest project our chapter has ever contemplated.

If not us, who?

Fraternally,  
**Rick Woods '86**  
President, Delta Alumni of Sigma Phi Delta

1. From the Winter Meeting—from front going clockwise: Matt Hewitt '09, Pat Cox '01, Ian Santarinala '02, Jeff Leesman '03, Steven Jastrzebki '12, and Brendan Joyce '13. 2. Lyle Deckowitz '90 and Eric Anderson '90. 3. Bob Guirato '71, Carter Wright '71, and Carlos Jimenez '93. 4. David Kintz '90, Dave Hulsman '88, Danny McGovern '15, Anthony Mackey '09, and Bruce Purvis '88. 5. Rick Woods '86, Jeff Schneider '79, and Don Nelson '82.



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# THANK YOU, GENEROUS DELTA CHAPTER DONORS!

**W**e are deeply grateful to the 117 donors listed below for committing \$857,498 to *The Castle Renovation: Engineering the Future of Sigma Phi Delta*. These brothers recognize the importance of ensuring Delta's future and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal and complete this major project.

All donors with gifts of \$1,000 or more will be recognized in campaign mailings, and donors with gifts above \$2,500 will have their names placed on a plaque in a prominent area of the chapter house. (Text to be engraved on the plaque at conclusion of capital campaign subject to board approval.) Additionally, gifts of \$25,000 and above are considered leadership-level contributions and qualify for special room-naming opportunities.

## **Russel C. Smith Founders Circle** (\$75,000 and above)

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## **Rev. Dave Vosecky Investors Club** (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Active Members of Delta Chapter

Joseph F. Kennell '58

James McMahon '85

Scott A. Steele '90

Michael P. Rohan '93

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## **Castle Contributor** (\$15,000 to \$24,999)

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Scott M. Morrison '82

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Michael Burke '83

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Rick Woods '86

Paul A. Lindner '88

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In memory of

Aaron Phelps '02

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Carlos Jimenez '93

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Erik N. Schultz '01

Ian P. Santarinala '02

In memory of

Aaron Phelps '02

Christopher R. Garner '11

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In honor of

Rogue Nation, New Mexico

Pawel Fudala '17

In honor of the

Fall '14 Pledge Class

Alexander James '17

## **Black Level** (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Gary G. Klein '69

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## CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

*As of March 23, 2020*

**CAMPAIGN GOAL**  
\$1 MILLION

**TOTAL COMMITMENTS**  
\$857,498

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS**  
117

**MAILABLE ALUMNI**  
524

**PARTICIPATION**  
22%

Theodore W. Johnson '62  
Glen A. Zumwalt '63  
Roy R. Johnson '64  
J. Bradley Hull '69  
William A. Birtcher '70  
Richard R. Parry '70  
Terrence R. Phelan '72  
Mark A. Ray '79  
Matthew W. Schlichter '80  
Marc Van Dyke '82  
David L. Hulsman '88  
Matt Braun '94  
Eduardo C. Depaz '95  
Christopher M. Newman '95  
Justin D. Durfee '98  
Bryan M. Stolze '02  
Homer Carter '04  
Matt Hewitt '09  
Erik V. Lynch '10  
Dean D. Santarinala '12

## Chapter Eternal

**R**obert Malinowski '64 entered Chapter Eternal on February 19. Bob graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign with a degree in industrial engineering. His loyalty to General Electric spanned 35 years, affording his family to live in Bloomington, Los Angeles, San Juan, Houston, and Mayaguez. Bob retired in 1994 when he and his wife, Pat, moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C., enjoying 11 years, then later to Georgetown, Texas. Together, Bob and Pat traveled the world and treasured family time. Bob was an avid golfer and fast-pitch softball player. His 35-year competitive softball career began in high school and led him to winning a bronze medal with Puerto Rico at the 1979 Pan American Games. Bob was a lifelong Illini and St. Louis Cardinals fan. He made friends easily and leaves a host of them to cherish his memory. He loved welcoming friends and guests to his home and engaged them in fun and challenging conversations. Bob will be missed by his friends, family, and Sigma Phi Delta brothers.

# PROJECT UPDATES

## Groundbreaking Set for Summer 2020

Work on designs for chapter house renovations are full speed ahead with floor plans taking shape. Brother **Keith Brandau '83** has generously donated his time for structural engineering and analysis of opening up walls and adding on to the north side of the house. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems are being incorporated into the plans. This includes full air conditioning with individual room controls—a far cry from the steam radiators currently in use!

We are submitting a zoning variance request for the City of Champaign to approve the north addition that will house an ADA code-compliant egress stair and a lift for accessibility. Preliminary feedback from the City has been positive. They appreciate our desire to update and modernize our chapter house.

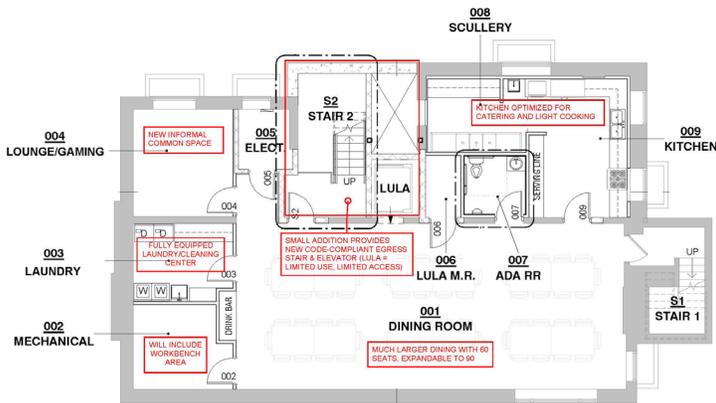
We are in discussions with three general contractors in the Urbana-Champaign area and intend to select one soon. The contractor will help finalize project costs and schedules. Construction activities are scheduled to begin

this summer starting with demolition and prep work. We will keep you updated on construction milestones throughout the process.

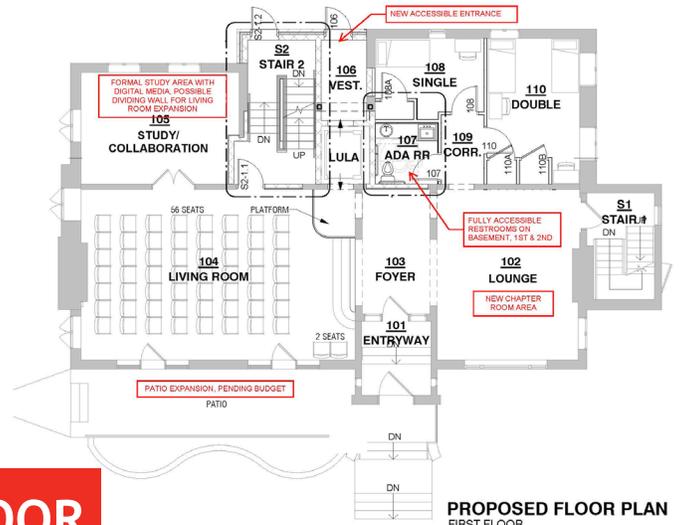
As we draw closer to the start of construction, it is important that we all consider doing our part to help by making a pledge to the capital campaign. Please think about what you are willing to contribute to help, if you have not done so. If you have made a pledge, please follow through in a timely manner. As soon as work begins, we will start paying contractors monthly, so cash flow will be crucial to keep work progressing as planned.

There is no time to wait. The future is now!

Fraternally,  
**Jeff Leesman '03**  
 Castle Renovation Committee

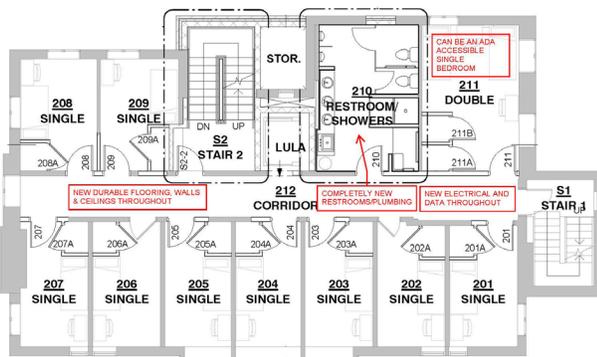


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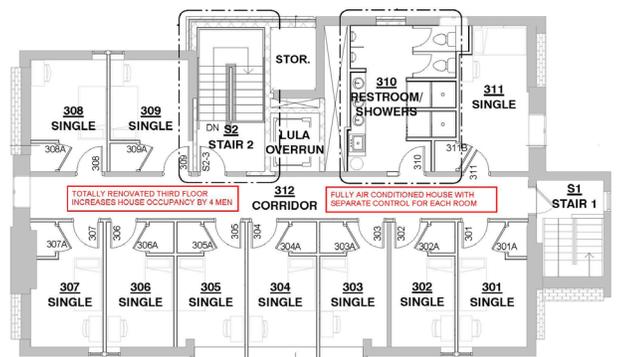


PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN  
 FIRST FLOOR

## NEW FLOOR PLANS



PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN  
 SECOND FLOOR



PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN  
 THIRD FLOOR



*Delta Chapter gathers for a fall bonfire recruitment event. It was a great opportunity to get to know potential new members in a casual setting.*

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## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

### *Delta Chapter Actives Prepare for Year Without Chapter House*

The active members of Delta Chapter are enjoying a strong spring semester while preparing for our upcoming year-long renovation. Brothers remain active in the campus and Greek communities while striving for academic success this semester.

Athletic Chairman **Charles Busse '23** has already organized various events that many brothers attend weekly. Our favorite intramural sport is indoor volleyball with our team competing in games on a weekly basis. While it is still up for debate, it appears that our next sport of choice will be sand volleyball due to its popularity.

Our philanthropy chairmen recently visited Batavia, Illinois, to participate as volunteer judges in a local competition for young students. Additionally, External Chairman **John Armgardt '22** recently gathered a group of brothers to participate in a dodgeball game for a sorority philanthropy event.

Many brothers have secured internships for the summer and several graduating seniors have accepted full-time positions. **Samuel Atac '21** and **Richard Machado '21** have summer internships at Google, **Nick Weger '20** accepted a full-time job as a mechanical engineer for Ford, and **Brett Lofendo '22** and **James Prince '22** are doing a co-op in Chicago this semester. Other brothers have been pursuing a further degree, like **David Budzik '19** who is pursuing a master's degree in civil engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Recently, there was a bylaw change making all members on the executive board serve for one year instead of just one semester. This was done to ensure a smooth transition during the year the house will be undergoing the renovation. There have also been many younger members express-

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*Active brothers Jacob Dannhausen-Brun '20, Sahil Morrow '20, Michael Rajlich '20, and Joseph Giglio '20 reunite with recent graduate brother Andrew Waldecker '19.*

ing interest in leading the chapter. We are and will be in good hands at the actives' level.

The main goal for Delta right now is to make any and all preparations for the upcoming renovation. Many brothers have secured apartments together and nearly everyone will be located near the engineering campus. Four brothers secured a house to live in for the next year which will help a great deal to provide a potential meeting space. While it may not be the chapter house we know and love, we believe it'll help ensure the sense of brotherhood, community, and home. Delta Chapter is both ready for the renovation and looking forward to what the future holds.

Fraternally,  
**Michael McGinnis '22**  
Chief Engineer  
[mlm6@illinois.edu](mailto:mlm6@illinois.edu)

## Welcome, New Members

- Andrew Beusse '23** | Bethesda, Md.  
Aerospace Engineering
- Nick Bingenheimer '23** | Elmhurst, Ill.  
Electrical Engineering
- Grant Brown '23** | Mahomet, Ill.  
Pre-Engineering
- Jack DeGonia '23** | Granite City, Ill.  
Chemical Engineering
- Alexander Galik '23** | Darien, Conn.  
Computer Science
- Dino Keserovic '23** | Chicago, Ill.  
Engineering Mechanics
- Nicholas Krowicki '23** | Colonia, N.J.  
Systems Engineering
- Ziqi Lin '23** | University Place, Wash.  
Computer Science
- Matthew Lotarski '23** | Buffalo Grove, Ill.  
Engineering
- Nicholas Qualizza '21** | Hinsdale, Ill.  
Engineering Physics
- Owen Shin '23** | San Francisco, Calif.  
Electrical Engineering
- Daniel Spatz '22** | Romeoville, Ill.  
Computer Science
- Tom Ellis '23** | Chicago, Ill.  
Aerospace Engineering