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New Century Stag



Dear Zeta Chi Alumni:

Yes, it is finally here, the beginning of our new century! Don't miss this new beginning of the next 100 years. We will have STAG as usual on Saturday, May 20th in the Fellowship Hall of the Baldwin First Methodist Church. Last year the turnout was so great that some of us became vegetarians for a day. We plan to continue the great Zeta Chi traditions.

Many improvements have been completed and are underway at the house, thanks to contributions you have made, so plan to check them out. Please fill in the enclosed card and return it. Please include a few words for the good of the order. If you have not paid your dues, please enclose a check.

We hope to see you on May 20th. The schedule for STAG is etched in Kansas Limestone. Check out your old room.

5:00 pm – Zeta Chi Alumni Association Meeting at the House

6:00 pm – One Hundred First Zeta Chi STAG dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church.

Fifty Years, Class of '56

If you know a Zeta Chi from the class of '56 please contact him and encourage him to attend stag this year. Contact one of the trustees if you are interested in heading up a class project for the class of '56.

Classes with special reunions are the classes of 1996, 1981 and 1956, 10, 25 and 50 years, respectively. If you have Internet access check out the Zeta Chi web sit at <http://www.zetachi.org> look under Alumni.

Memorial Stone



The memorial stone was dedicated at the Century Stag last year. It is set in place to remember those that have fallen. We should not ignore our responsibility to recognize their sacrifice. They gave their lives for us. The least we can do is honor their names. Thanks go out to Edward Ziembinski, 2LT, United States Army who took the lead on this project and Robin Burnham who did the dedication.

House Improvements

ZX Building Fund: During the 100-year celebration, you our brothers made significant gifts for the improvements at the house a higher standard of living for the activities. Some of the improvements included:

- 1) Renovations of the chapter room (ceilings, walls, floors, sump pump system, security closet and wall heaters)
- 2) New furnace and air conditioning through Main house and brick addition
- 3) Renovations of room new doors that comply with Fire marshal codes
- 4) New floors for the Trophy room, entry hall, and Living room
- 5) New furniture for the Living room (chairs, sofa, and area rugs)
- 6) Fallen brothers for America (flag, monument and lighting system)
- 7) Renovation of the House mother room and bathroom
- 8) Replacement of the Kitchen Floor and back hallways
- 9) Replacement of Kitchen counters with stainless steel (Health dept code compliance)
- 10) Gutters on the Main house and brick addition

The reality of improvements is we continue to find challenges in the house, since we are dealing with an old structure. A few items that need to be addressed:

- 1) Windows (main house and brick addition)
- 2) Fire code compliance around Kitchen stove and hood
- 3) Rotting wood on Front porch and roof
- 4) Rotting wood / termites on back porch and storage rooms
- 5) Water drainage system away from the house
- 6) Plumbing upgrades

Needless to say we have on going maintenance items that continue if we are going to have a safe environment for ZETA CHI. This on going situation has brought us the following suggestion A BUILDING FUND. We encourage different classes to contribute to the house at least once every five years. This suggestion would encourage your class to return as a group at least every five years along with making a donation to the house. IF you can't return and larger donation would be appreciated. REMEMBER LAST YEAR WE HAD 150

BACK FOR STAG AND IT WAS INCREDIBLE.

Consider the following: Class of 1996 (10 yr. Class); Class of 1991 (15 yr. Class); Class of 1986 (20 yr. Class); Class of 1981 (25 yr. Class); Class of 1976 (30 yr. Class); Class of 1971 (35 yr. Class); Class of 66 (40 yr. Class); Class of 1961 (45 yr. Class) and Class of 1956 (50 yr. Class).

We do not want to limit participation in the Building Fund to only these classes but would want to encourage a consistent level of giving back to our brotherhood. Remember to consider coming back to Baker and ZETA CHI it is great to reflect on our younger days.

Thank you for keeping ZETA CHI in your thoughts and annual donations.

Dennis Seager, Trustee Class of 70

Alumni President

I was just thinking the other day that this Stag will make 25 years since I graduated from Baker. That doesn't seem possible. But then I realized that Jason, my oldest is now 21 and Theresa and I will celebrate our 25th Anniversary in July. Anyway while reminiscing about my college days, I realized what an impact Zeta Chi has made in my life.

Zeta Chi influenced me even before I got to Baker. My sociology teacher at Fort Scott high school was Dick Hedges '63, who was also the vice-principal at that time. He was darned good football coach too.

When I got to Baker and pledged Zeta Chi, there weren't many guys in the house but they were all leaders. I though the 6 guys in the class of '78 knew everything, (and a couple of them probably did). That was a great bunch of guys. The juniors and sophomores were great guys too, including my pledge dad John Jones '80. I sometimes think I learned as much from the older guys in the house as I did in the classroom.

There were some great guys in the classes behind me as well. I had two great pledge sons, Kendall Payne '82 and Wayne

Adkisson '83, who were both much smarter than me. In fact some of my best friends from the house were guys in the classes of '83 and '84,

I have some fond memories of my time in the house. One was meeting Raymond Pruitt '33, one of the Rhodes Scholars, when I was a freshman. It's not often you get to meet a living legend. Another memory that chills me to this day is breaking ice at the Baldwin town lake after telling the guys that Theresa and I were engaged. Another memory was the beginning of my senior year. The summer of 1980 was one of the warmest ever in Kansas. For a couple of weeks we slept outside in the back yard because it was so hot in the house. That was before people had window air conditioners and long before the central air that we now have.

I guess that I have left at least one legacy at the house that has endured. My senior roommate, Gerald Meyer and I coordinated the effort to build the basketball court at the house. We called all the "wealthy" alums and coordinated a lot of labor from the active chapter to get it built. It always seemed ironic to me that two of the shorter guys in the house were responsible for the basketball court.

I have been on the Zeta Chi board of Trustees for 18 years now. I have to admit that a majority of that time I spent absorbing wisdom from many talented and dedicated Zeta Chis. Men like Dick Brown, L. R. Magee, Roger Boyd, Steve Sublett, and Wayne Butler. Preparing for a recent job interview, I realized what a debt of gratitude I owe all the Zeta Chi men I have worked with over the years.

I guess I better wrap this up by saying I'm really looking forward to my 25-year reunion and Stag. I hope the guys from 1981 will try to be there. So Gerald Meyer, Wally Reiter, Mike Embrey, Richard Betts, Eugene Marley, Steve Ewbank and David Sterling, I hope to see you on May 19 and 20.

Sincerely, Dennis Krebs , Zeta Chi President

Treasure's Report



The Alumni Association cash flow continues to be tight. The half of the property taxes have been paid, the other half is due in May. The total property tax on the house is over \$5k each year. So, if any one is a lawyer or knows how to make the Alumni Association a tax exempt entity for the State of Kansas with regard to property and sales tax, let me know. The General Liability Insurance and Property Insurance on the house are coming due at the end of March. These insurance payments are a little over \$11k each year. In the Alumni Board meeting numerous house projects are being developed. So, if we are going to continue to improve the house, we are going to need to keep those donations coming in. Speaking of renovations, the debt services to Educational Fund had been put on hold during last years renovations, so for those that get a tax return and don't know what to do with it, please feel free and send it to the Alumni Association to catch up on last years payments.

The Educational Fund continues to grow a little each month. The investments continue to pay dividends. The house I hear may have the challenge given to the last semester. I am told the grades were very good and they are expecting the scholarship checks to exceed the last semester earnings. The educational fund has a net worth of over \$155k. This is up \$20k in two years and is mostly due to contributions. The values of our stocks/bonds don't appreciate as most of the positions are dividend related.

Sincerely, Trace Gaskell

Newsletter on the Web

Zeta Chi is moving forward on information highway. The newsletter is and has been available on the Zeta Chi website, under the Alumni link. The website has been under going construction. If you have not been there lately you should plan a visit. The newsletter pictures come out in black and white in the printed version; they come out in color on the web. As more and more of our brothers take the on-ramp to the information highway it makes sense to use email to announce the posting of the newsletter. <http://www.zetachi.org/>

If you have email and are willing to receive your newsletter via the web send your email address to the editor, Bob Burnham at BobBurnham77@yahoo.com

The less money we spend on postage and the fewer trees we kill, the more that can be put into the house. If you are looking for the email address of a brother many of them are posted on the ZX web site, or send a note to Bob Burnham.

At the last stag we started collecting stories from back in the day. We are continuing to collect these stories. As they come in and as time and space permit, these stories will appear in the newsletter. So think back to the events of your day. Think of the things that make you smile when you think back.

Story telling is not just for the old goats, it is just as much for the young kids, those that recently joined the ranks of the alumni. So, recent graduates are invited to put their stories to pen or keyboard. Do it before your memory starts to fade, like so many of us. Do it before someone else tells your story his way.

Building Fund Letter

Dennis Seager sent out building fund letter recently. In it he asked that all the members of your class be contacted. Please follow

through with this request. Your participation will determine the success of this project.

If you did not get a letter and a member of your class has not contacted you, then contact Dennis or any one of the Alumni Association members listed in this newsletter. The listing can be found on the last page.

Mrs. Eva Jordon

Many will remember the house cook from 1956 to sometime in the sixties. Mrs. Eva Jordan passed away last July. She was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Baldwin City. Stories could be told about the days she was the house cook. The up coming stag is a good place to recount the events of her era, to tell and to listen. If you have a story to tell write it down and send it to Bob Burnham, address below. Even if you cannot make it to Stag we will tell your story.

Chapter House Officers

The active chapter officers are:

- President- Dustin Sherry
- Vice President- Jeremy Hogue
- Secretary- Jason Krebs
- Treasurer- Nick Wasser
- Scholarship- Zach Huges
- Rush- Kevin Winn & Brandon Jacobs
- Chaplain- Greg Rogers
- House Manager-
- Social-
- Historian-
- Alumni Relations-
- Intramurals-
- IFC-
- Student Senate-

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