



# <u>AΣΦ Beta Omicron Chapter Alumni Association</u> President's Letter



Our Brotherhood and your Alumni Association are doing well after the COVID-19 lockdown. With the help of the Undergraduate Chapter, in April 2021, we hosted Spring Frolic at Club Paradise. Looking forward, we have the annual Sig Cup Golf Tournament with Trine University and Kappa

Sigma (August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>) and Homecoming events (October 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>). I challenge my Brothers to plan to attend these future events, and to ask at least one Brother to join you. We need your support! We look towards hosting new events and regional rendezvous in 2022. The Sarasota, Florida Rendezvous in January is now being planned.

The Alumni Association board has a few new faces to announce. Currently, our board members are: Nick Gulde #1154 (Vice President), JC Hemminger #1137 (Treasurer), Jay Carey #1143 (Secretary), and newly appointed Nick Ader #1176 (Member-at-Large)

I want to thank the Homecoming Committee for persistently planning this year's event. I encourage other Brothers consider stepping to help our Chapter. It is a rewarding way to stay in touch. See you at Sig Cup and Homecoming,

Fraternally, Kyle Clark #1168 President

## **ΑΣΦ Homecoming October 1st & 2nd**

The Beta Omicron Chapter has high expectations for Homecoming 2021 as the country is rapidly getting vaccinated and Brothers are looking forward to coming out of hibernation. Trine University plans to have an open campus this fall that includes Homecoming Weekend. The Homecoming Committee has been working on what we now expect will be one of our best attended Homecomings to date. In summary, Friday will include golf, a pontoon boat cruise of Lake James and the well-presented free Trine Touchstone Dinner. Saturday will include the Tailgate Party at the House prior to, and during, the football game, another pontoon boat cruise of Lake James and dinner at Club Paradise. Please plan to join in. As you will see, this issue of the *Alumni Connection* reports we have a lot to celebrate.

The complete Homecoming itinerary and Homecoming registration can be found on our website <a href="http://www.alphasigsattrine.org">http://www.alphasigsattrine.org</a>.

Homecoming Weekend 2021 Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> See You There! OddBall #840 (Tom Alspaugh) Chairman

## **Undergraduate Report**



BOAT OUTING: On the boat left to right: Myles Taylor #1230, Cameron Bopp #1217, Lawson Tell #1234 (New Member), Konner Stahl #1231, Jacob Nelson #1229, Christian Ulman #1204. In the water left to right: Brian Tippmann #1239 (New Member), Joshua Kucharski #1221, Nicholas Femano #1218, Max Nieszala #1226, Justin Wiza #1213, Mason Peak #1222, Teddy Munn #1233, Steffan Timmer #1215, Jon-Matthew Spaw #1227, Mel Budreau #902, Jacob Kucharski #1214, Dominic Iacovetti #1223, Justin Miller #1216.

The Brothers have had a very bonding semester as we were restricted to the House and could not have guests over until March 12<sup>th</sup>, and only with an approved guest list. The brothers participated in more

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than 20 brotherhood events. We are very pleased with a firepit we added to the backyard as a new gathering spot! With the covid restrictions, playing pool or darts in the basement became the thing to do. The House never had a dull moment! Through the new brothers that were recently initiated and the strengthened brotherhood over the course of the year, the Beta Omicron Chapter has kept its quality of brotherhood moving forward and is anticipating a good fall semester!



SPRING FROLIC: Top to bottom, left to right: Christian Ulman #1204, Mel Budreau #902, Konner Stahl #1231, Dominic Lacovetti #1223, Myles Taylor #1230, Keaton Fleeman #1232, Lawson Tell #1234 (New Member), Justin Wiza #1213, Nicholas Femano #1218, Paul Ruegamer #913, Justin Miller #1216, Mitchell Ratekin #1220, Mike Lynch #887, Nonmember, Steffan Timmer #1215, Jacob Kucharski #1214, Sandeeb Kurian #1205, Joshua Kucharski #1221, Jacob Nelson #1229, Brian Tippmann #1239 (New Member), Grant Widenhoefer #1238 (New Member), Max Nieszala #1226, Kaitlyn Dorsch (Sweetheart), Mason Peak #1222, Shelby Altman #1237 (New Member), Mason Angel #1228, Cameron Bopp #1217, Kyle Clark #1168

Our Spring Frolic went very well considering the obstacles of the pandemic. It was great to finally be able to host this fun event. Jacob Kucharski #1214, Christian Ulman #1204, and Sandeeb Kurian #1205 were in attendance, as they finished their class requirements in the Fall and walked with the graduating class this Spring. We would like to congratulate these three special Brothers and thank them for their contributions to our brotherhood and our university community.

The current active Brothers are thrilled and proud how the Brotherhood of Beta Omicron Chapter has grown during the 2020/2021 school year. This school year we recruited nine pledges; even though we were unable hold many rush events, considering the Covid-19 rules preventing us from inviting potential new members to the House. Therefore, we hosted events at the volleyball courts, and other outside on-campus locations. We have at least nine prospective rushes for the fall 2021 semester.

We would like to thank and give a shout out to Mel Budreau # 902 and his wife, Vicki, for all their support and help through the entirety of the school year. Vicki occasionally brought snacks and lunch. Mel came with tools and a willingness to help, which enabled us to renovate the lawn and all the landscaping. Mel is also working with the House Corp. to give the first-floor interior walls and stairwells a fresh coat of paint and a new security system. The House is very clean and organized due to their contributions and motivation. Our landscaping is looking great, without weeds. Mulch replaced the mess under the pine trees, and our grass is looking lush. Due to their help and a little bit of encouragement, our Brotherhood was able to place high in the Greek Life Standings for Best-Looking Yard.

Mitchell Ratekin #1220, President and Max Nieszala #1226, Spring Frolic Chairman

#### The House Corporation

I would like to start off by thanking all of the



Brothers for their contribution to the Mortgage Reduction Campaign. With your generous donations, the House Corporation transitioned from a slightly negative cash flow position to a substantially positive one. This will result in  $\Delta\Sigma\Phi$  being in a more competitive posture in our

pursuit of new quality Brothers. A special thank you and shout out goes to Rick Tejan #682 who motivated the committee and many Brothers to dig deeper with this \$25,000 donation. I also want to express a deep-down appreciation for the fundraising committee led by Brother Oddball. Through their hard work and numerous phone calls and emails, the campaign was a big success.

By generating \$120,000 in donations, you allowed us to reduce our annual mortgage payments from \$39,000 per year to \$27,000 per year by reducing our mortgage obligation from \$430,000 to \$310,000, without increasing the term of the mortgage. By stepping up, you made  $\Delta\Sigma\Phi$  a more financially completive player in the emerging Trine University campus housing market.

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I know for so many of us, our experience during our years on campus as Alpha Sigs was rewarding, enjoyable and perhaps played a positive role in your post college lives. Through alumni generosity we have substantially improved the long-term viability of our fraternity allowing current and future Brothers the opportunity to have similar experiences and memories.

This past year we had a major transition on the House Corporation Board. After serving as treasurer over the past 10 years and many years of service to the Alumni Association board prior to that, Brother Terry Carter stepped down as our treasurer. I cannot thank Brother Carter enough for his dedicated service and his attention to details in his financial reporting. His loyal service to our Fraternity has been truly appreciated. With that said, I want to thank Brother Lenny Duff for accepting the treasurer's position.

The Trustees on the Board at this time are myself, John Goudy, Mark (Froggy) Stone, Terry Carter, Larry Thomas, Joe Nichols and recent addition, Brother Mel Budreau. The Board is still looking to add another trustee between now and Homecoming. Please let me know if you are interested.

We hear that we have numerous alumni planning to return to campus for Homecoming 2021. This should be an especially fun year to return.

Paul Ruegamer #913 House Corp. Chairman

## We Do Rendezvous:

Sig Cup August 6th & 7th



The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Sig Cup Scholarship Golf Outing between Alpha Sig and Kappa Sig will begin Friday

afternoon August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Trine University Alumni and Friends golf outing at the Zollner Golf Course. The \$150 fee includes cart and lunch at 11:30AM and a shot gun start at 1:00. Sign up for the afternoon flight at <a href="https://alumni.trine.edu/golf">https://alumni.trine.edu/golf</a>. On Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> we take on the Kappa Sigs directly in two-man teams at Glendarin Golf Course at 9:00AM. The cost of \$65 includes cart and lunch. Thursday arrivals can participate in golf at Lake James Golf Course at 1:30PM with prior arrangements.



All participants need to communicate with John Goudy so teams can be formed and he can reserve you a spot. This is a great weekend to catch up with your Brothers, tour the campus and play some golf on some nice courses. Sig

Cup has raised more than \$60,000 in scholarships for our active Brothers.

We currently have a block of room reserved for  $A\Sigma\Phi$  at the new Angola Wingate Hotel (260-665-1010) at I-69 & US20. Contact John Goudy at <u>johngoudy@ymail.com</u> or phone (260-668-947).

#### January 2022 Sarasota, FL Rendezvous



L-R Tom Alspaugh #840, John Stock #1184, Bertide & Tim Adams #819, Geri Letki, Jim Gray #849, Diane Stock, Dick Bosseler #787, Tina & Rich Biter #856, John Goudy, John Letki #888, Cheryl Goudy, Michaelann & Mike Galiyano #757

This two-day event is scheduled around Trine University's Annual Golf Classic. Even non-golfing Alpha Sig brothers in the region join us for the very well-presented Trine golf reception at the golf course and then we meet at Rich #856 and Tina Bitter's a couple miles away for cocktails. The next day Mike #757 and Michealann Galiyano invite the Alpha Sigs to their winter home for golf and a social gathering. Shall we meet up in Floridia this winter?

















