

## Emerging Requirements

*New Public Health Inspections Drive Need for Kitchen Improvements*



*Current Condition - Main Cooking Area During Meal Time*

Rumors of our kitchen facility being subjected to Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (C-UPHD) inspections began to surface during Homecoming 2015. With the start of the Spring 2016 semester, more details have come to light.

Let's start with what we know. In laymen's terms, the chapter house will soon be inspected in the same fashion as a restaurant. This new inspection requirement is being driven by C-UPHD. Based on all accounts, this is NOT an attempt for University Private Certified Housing to crack down on the Greek system. C-UPHD has long operated under two assumptions which previously eliminated the need for kitchen inspections: Greek houses were on University property and most Greek houses operated communal kitchens (residents have access to cooking facilities to prepare their own, individual meals). Now just happens to be the time when it was realized that Greek houses are on private property and most have commercial type cooking operations. While it remains unclear why this action is now (as opposed to any other point since C-UPHD's formation in 1937), we are clearly in their jurisdiction.

C-UPHD is doing an initial inspection during the Spring 2016 semester to identify the types of meals prepared to better gauge our facility requirements and provide a priority list of improvements required to bring the facility up to standards. They would like to start permitting and conduct normal inspection operations in January 2017. All indications are that they are willing to "work with us" as long as we are making progress on improvements – even if everything is not complete by that time. They have been very vague on what violations would be considered "serious enough" to shut down our kitchen.

Even with this uncertainty, we are moving forward. We have been having preliminary discussions with a designer from KEC Design, a commercial kitchen designer and equipment supplier in Champaign. While we are working on defining scope, one thing is known – there will be a **significant required investment** whether we want to

bring it up to a Category I facility (food is prepared at the house by a dedicated cooking staff, such as what is occurring now with Campus Cooks) or a Category II facility (food is prepared in a Category I facility and transported to the house for final preparation, display, and serving).

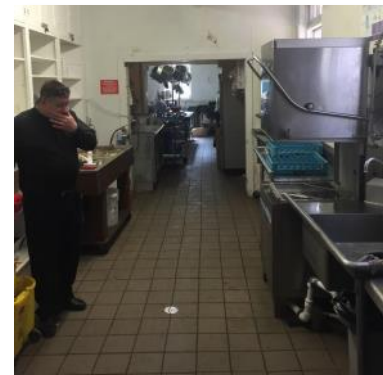
We are exploring various food service options in concert with the undergraduates. However, to provide some feel for the scope of work if we are to maintain our current on site chef (Category I facility). A non-inclusive list of renovations:

- ◆ Electrical: fixing existing electrical issues, providing new service for new equipment
- ◆ Plumbing: addition of handwashing sink and mop sink, refurbishing some current sewer lines
- ◆ Ventilation: likely will need a new range hood to meet current standards – this will drive installation of a new hood fire inspection system
- ◆ Surfaces/Finishes: wall ceiling repair and painting, floor repair to include partial replacement, removing the old range enclosure

A non-inclusive list of equipment that would need to be procured:

- ◆ New prep tables and surfaces to allow for vegetable areas, meat areas, etc
- ◆ New cookware and utensil storage
- ◆ Replacement of some existing refrigerators/freezers
- ◆ Potentially a new blast chiller and/or hot food box
- ◆ Replacement of dishwasher tray racks (the current dishwasher should be adequate)
- ◆ Potentially a new stove (the fryer should be adequate)

As we work with the undergraduates, C-UPHD, and our designers we will work to communicate decisions and requirements via Facebook and the website. **Looking forward to 2016, all general fund donations will be earmarked for kitchen improvements at the chapter house.**



*Current Condition - Dish Area During Meal Time*

Last fall's Arrow outlined the main focus areas of the Omicron Alumni Association: *brotherhood, leadership, and campus presence*. Keeping those in mind, let's get you updated!

**Brotherhood.** Since working to increase Association activity in 2015, we have found varying levels of success and participation with our planned events.

In order to get a better pulse on the alumni base, we have generated a member survey to collect your feedback. The survey is available at the address on Page 4. Additionally, we will be sending this link out through the email listserv and Facebook. For those that would prefer a paper copy, please check the appropriate box on the donation form and a survey will be mailed to you. This survey covers the gamut of Association operations – from membership, to events, to communications. Please take a few valuable minutes to provide feedback, it is appreciated!

Please take a moment to check out the insert for upcoming events as well. We look forward to seeing you!

**Leadership.** Currently the Association is running at half speed ahead. We are operating with a vacant secretary position and a vacant Arrow chairmanship, which is leading these duties to fall upon other individuals on the alumni exec board. With an all-volunteer force, this additional workload can have a dramatic effect on what the Association is able to accomplish and how well it can serve you, our members.

Even if you are not ready to bite off something that substantial, please consider stepping in and helping out where your interest, knowledge, or excitement lies. A rose goes out to Dan Lehman '87, who after finding out we were working to procure a camera system, stepped in and provided expertise. He evaluated the current bid we had for the work, and found it unacceptable. He then reached out and worked with two other contractors to get bids. Thanks to his assistance, we are getting a superior product at a lower price, as

compared to the original quote.

We have been approached by members with great ideas – however often we have a difficult time putting turning those ideas into reality. Simply put, there is a limit to how much can be accomplished with our current level of human capital. With your help, we can achieve more and build a better organization! If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact me at [psiuoalumvp@gmail.com](mailto:psiuoalumvp@gmail.com).

**Campus Presence.** Thanks to our 131 great members, last year was outstanding for donations. All of your 2015 donations have been invested into our campus presence through various mini campaign projects, debt relief, and tuck-pointing set asides. Please see [www.illinipsiu.com](http://www.illinipsiu.com) to see the great mini-campaign accomplishments.

In addition to the mini-campaign projections, we were also able to replace all the guttering on the house utilizing house operating funds (undergraduate rent payments). Many of the gutters were falling off the side of the house, had severely corroded downspouts, and were in generally poor condition. The contractor was Bash & Pepper of Champaign.



New guttering will allow for better preservation of brick, mortar, and interior plaster work

## 2015 DONATIONS BY THE NUMBERS

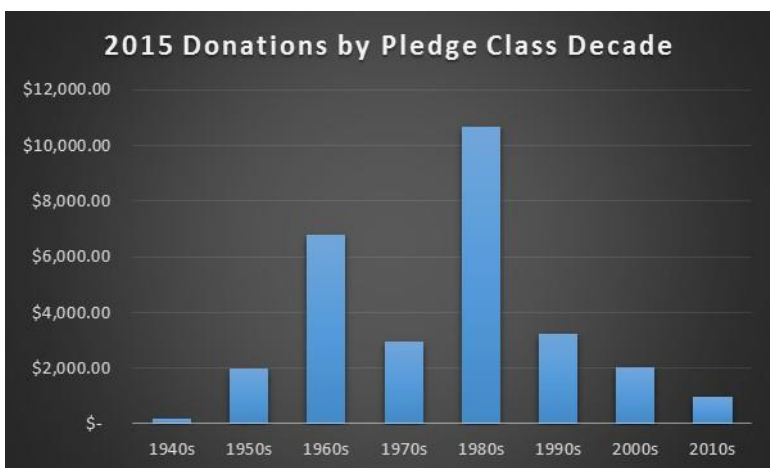
**TOTAL DONORS: 131** (+95.5% from 2014)

### DONATION TOTALS:

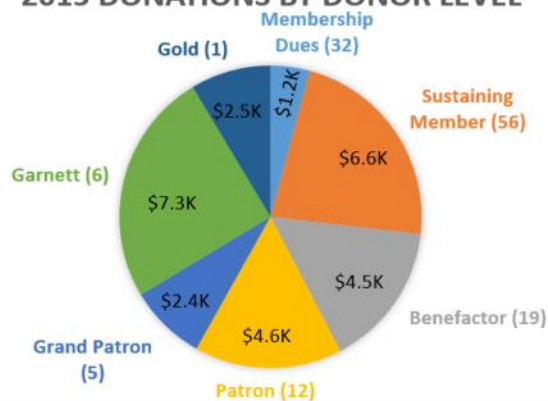
Annual Dues:	\$24,338.50	(+30.8% from 2014)
Golf Outing:	\$3,010.00	(+96.8% from 2014)

### ANNUAL DUES BY FUND:

General Fund:	\$17,006.00	(+21.4% from 2014)
Debt Relief:	\$6,231.50	(+149.3% from 2014)
Tuck Pointing:	\$1,101.00	(-47.6% from 2014)



### 2015 DONATIONS BY DONOR LEVEL



Number in Parenthesis Indicates the Number of Donors at Each Level

# 2015 DONORS CONSECUTIVE YEARS INDICATED IN PARENTHESIS

## GOLD (\$2,500+)

John Zick '65 (4)

## GARNETT (\$2,499-\$1,000)

Bob Petersen '68 (11)

Brian Hughes '89.5

George Fearheiley '55 (11)

Larry Rakers '86 (11)

Sidney Frisch, Jr. '62 (4)

Tim Miller '80 (11)

## GRAND PATRON (\$999-\$500)

Bob Doak '72.5 (11)

Bob McIntire '68 (3)

Dave DiPrima '89 (11)

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John Healey '58 (11)

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Dave Komie '92.5 (11)

Gary Olson '63 (11)

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Jim Yale '86

Lewis R. Finkelstein '83 (11)

Mark Palmer '14.5

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Mark Hoffman '74

Mark Tallungan '00 (9)

Peter Desmond '77 (8)

Robert Rhinehart '72 (11)

Robert Root '64 (11)

Roland Yeast '62 (6)

Ross Crotinger '87

Tom Slattery '89

William Young '70

## SUSTAINING MEMBER (\$199-\$100)

Adam Boyko '99 (11)

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Andy Larson '77

Ben O'Connor '81

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Birton Cowden '05.5 (10)

Bob Lies '88 (11)

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Chris Jepsen '80.5 (4)

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Dan O'Brien '90.5

Dave McNeela '88.5

Dave Yang '89

David Ko '92.5

Dennis Van Dyke '80

Donald Tomaska '71

Doug Barnes '95 (11)

Doug Truskowski '89

Eric Larson '73

Eric Madland '89

Eric Vallejo '94

Erik Sundquist '94

Everett Andrews '43

Fred Drummond '71 (9)

George Duffey, Jr '70

Gifford R. Zimmerman '80.5

Jack Hester '51

Jay Steinhilber '92.5

Jim Colombo '01

Jim Cunningham '87

James Watters '65

Jeff Van Echaute '80

John Bailey '73.5

John McLean, Jr. '90.5

Jun Yoshitani '90.5

Kevin Lannert '93

Lou Margaglione '91.5

Mark Alison '53

Mark Bittner '86 (2)

Mark Netter '69 (11)

Mark Rewerts '83

Matt Hamielec '14.5 (2)

Matt Hower '79.5

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## MEMBERSHIP DUES (\$99-\$30)

Alex Johansson '14.5

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Brandon Burd '13.5 (2)

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Nicolas Guzman '13

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S. Neil Sorensen '55 (11)

Thaddeus Hatt '14.5

William Kelly '85

## IN - KIND DONORS

Dave DiPrima '89 and Jim Yale '86 - Golf Outing Organizers and Hosts

Bob McIntire '68, Mark Bittner '86, Doug Truskowski '89, Tom Fox '00, and Mark Tallungan '00 - Alumni Work Day at the House

Justin Kuehlthau '03.5 - Website Technical Support

Dan Lehman '87 - Security Camera System Support

### Thank You for your Generous Support!

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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

While we always welcome your feedback, we have put together a quick survey to get your opinion in several areas of Association operations:

- ◆ Membership
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Events
- ◆ Homecoming

## TAKE THE SURVEY!

Online at: <http://bit.ly/omicronsurvey>

Paper based: by request on donation form

## Undergrad Update by the Pictures

*Jack Leibert, '18*



**In November, we welcomed 22 new members into the brotherhood.** Thanks to the VP of New Members **John Harlan '17** and the **entire undergraduate chapter** on a great 2019 class.



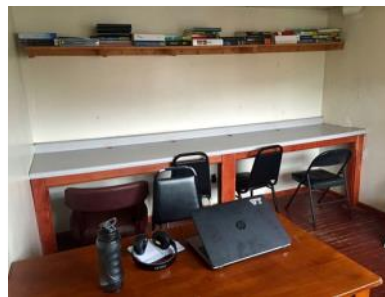
**Over winter break, the red stairs received new carpeting.** Thank you to **all the alumni** whose generosity allowed for this upgrade to be possible.



Every spring, Greek life on campus participates in "Walk as One" which works to inform students on campus about alcohol safety before Unofficial St. Patrick's Day. Last year, brothers **Jared Simpkins '17**, **Dan Cylny '18**, and **Mitch Sullivan '18** worked alongside U of I P.D. in order to spread awareness. **Last semester alone, brothers contributed over 1400 service hours to the community.**



**We were excited to welcome alumni back this year for another great Homecoming weekend.** Included in the festivities were a pig roast and an awards ceremony among many other great events.



Last year, brothers **Chris Giebel '18** and **Tom Bristow '18** headed the restoration of a new study room in the chapter house. Academics continue to be our undergraduate members' main focus. **During the Fall 2015 semester, we were ranked number 9 in GPA among fraternities on campus.**



This fall, our letters were added to the exterior of the house. **The letters have greatly improved our visibility to potential new members and the campus community as a whole.**