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House Corporation Makes \$200,000 in Upgrades with More to Come California Delta Begins the Year in a Refurbished Chapter House

While the undergraduates have been busy improving their scholarship, brotherhood, and new member programs, the House Corporation has been hard at work improving the place they call home. California Delta started the new school year in a refurbished chapter house, with improvements in almost every square foot. It had been a decade since our last remodel, so once again, the chapter house is a structure in which both students and alumni can be proud.

CHAPTER HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Over the summer, we embarked on the largest undertaking in a decade to ensure Phi Kappa Psi remains a competitive housing option, given the expanded offerings of the university. More than \$200,000 was spent to improve bedrooms, bathrooms, common areas, and entryways. We encourage all local alumni to attend an upcoming event at the chapter house, see the upgrades yourself, and support our Trojans on a game day this fall. See page 4 for the football schedule so you can plan your visit accordingly.

CALIFORNIA DELTA EXCELS WITH ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

The alumni board has been busy and we're not done

yet. Phi Kappa Psi now stands as one of the healthiest chapters on the row. We have many exciting projects planned as we continue to enhance both the house infrastructure as well as the undergraduate and alumni experience. Safeguarding our traditions, while strengthening the bonds within our Cal Delta community, is truly a rewarding experience. There are many ways to get involved:

- Contribute to one of our many causes
- Serve on the alumni board
- Mentor a chapter member pursuing a similar career path

As my term as House Corporation president comes to an end, I would like to introduce the new House Corporation president, **Cord Nuoffer, Indiana Epsilon '96**. Cord has been involved with our local chapter for many years and brings a wealth of experience to the position. I look forward to watching California Delta thrive under his leadership.

Amici,

Mike Stewart '99

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Making a Difference, One Laugh at a Time

Keith-Byron Jones '84 Attributes Successful Career in Comedy to Fraternal Experience

Entertaining people and making them laugh is what **Keith-Byron Jones '84** does, and he does it well. In fact, much of Keith's vibrant, humorous personality was developed during his years in Phi Kappa Psi at USC. "Growing up as an only child, I wasn't afforded the luxury of having brothers to look up to, but when I joined California Delta, I instantly had lots of brothers. The fraternity was the core of my social experience in college and it made a profound impact on my identity," he says.

From Songfest to football games and the cheerleading squad, Keith never missed a social exchange, campus activity, or fraternity event. On campus, Keith channeled his love for sports by serving as captain of the yelling squad, games committee, and NCAA tournament hosting committee. A zealous member in California Delta, Keith was elected pledge class president, chaplain, member of the social committee, and Songfest chairman, where he helped choreograph and direct California Delta's Songfest routine. Keith's dedication to Songfest paid off when the fraternity won the competition three years in a row. "My years in California Delta were some of the most transformative years of my life,

and my leadership in the fraternity created the foundation for the success I've cultivated to this day," Keith says.

Keith's commitment to Phi Kappa Psi remains strong, and he recently emceed at Phi Kappa Psi's National Convention. He has extensive emcee experience with the national fraternity, and was in charge of the emcee program and a member of the advisory committee for the American Leadership Academy. He toured for nearly a decade as a standup comedian, including in New York, Denver, Seattle, Las Vegas, Toronto, and Helsinki, to name a few. Keith also performs locally as a professional comic and master of ceremonies, and covers local high school sports for a local cable outlet. When he is not headlining his own comedy gigs, Keith can be seen as the host or feature act for folks like Bill Maher, Tim Allen, Bob Saget, and others. Keith is also one of the only comics to ever perform at Lalapalooza.

Despite his busy lifestyle, Keith manages to stay connected with California Delta brothers such as **John Henebry '84** and **Ben Lamson '86**. Keith served as chapter advisor for the California Xi Chapter at California State University, Long

Beach (CSULB) for nearly five years, and was recently elected treasurer of the newly formed corporation board. **"California Delta gave me more than I could ever hope to give back. Over the years, I've come to learn how critical alumni mentorship and guidance is to the future of our fraternity. It's nice to learn from your own experience in the chapter, but it can be more fulfilling to learn from the experiences of others. I encourage you to lend a helping hand any way you can to ensure California Delta continues down the positive path it's on."**

Keith works as a realtor for First Team Real Estate in Seal Beach, California, where he's had the opportunity to sell a historical home to the developer of the entire area. "The joy of helping first-time buyers find their forever home and giving them the keys is the most rewarding part of my job," he says. When he is not hard at work, you'll likely find Keith spending time with his wife, Natalie, and children, Jeffrey, who is a freshman at CSULB this fall, and Dannaka. "My children are my proudest achievement in life; they teach me something new every day." You can contact Keith at keith-byron@sbcglobal.net.

Thank You, Loyal Brothers

Through the generosity of 25 donors, \$9,455 was contributed to our spring 2016 appeal. The success and achievements of California Delta are directly attributed to the support and involvement of its members. The active brothers are grateful for and proud of the donations they receive from alumni.

Contributions to the spring appeal, as well as our Centurions, are listed below. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift(s), or we have mistakenly omitted your gift, we sincerely apologize. If corrections to your giving record are needed, please send them to Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, 924 Westwood Blvd., Suite 550, Los Angeles, CA 90024-2941. Your generosity is making a difference!

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Building a Stronger Brotherhood from the Inside Out

Undergraduate Leadership Sets the Bar High

The men of California Delta are working to build a stronger brotherhood—one where its ideals and standards are clear to those in the community as well as within the membership. The chapter leadership has honed in on four pillars: academic excellence, philanthropic outreach, empowered leadership, and a pioneering spirit. These are all important to us, because being a California Delta is about building all-around better men. With these pillars in place, the chapter has made a variety of changes in its organizational structure.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ON THE RISE

We raised the GPA minimum from a 2.0 to a 2.5 for active members and from a 2.5 to a 3.165 for new members. The purpose in raising academic standards is to create a culture where poor grades are not acceptable. Working together, we can encourage all of our membership to strive for academic excellence, putting increased value on the educational opportunities we have available at the University of Southern California.

PHILANTHROPIC OUTREACH FUNDAMENTAL IN DEVELOPMENT

Community service is taking a larger role in member development. Ten hours of community service is now required for each member. We've added five new philanthropic events to each semester, giving members more opportunities to reach those required hours. Giving back to the community is an area where we can be proud of



Brothers attend Phi Psi Grand Arch Council in New York City in July. From left: Ben Lamson '86, Aaron Kennedy '14, Phi Kappa Psi National President Scott Noble, Texas Alpha '81, Anthony Porcelli '14, and Ford Noble '15.



Brothers enjoy a day at the Del Mar races in San Diego. From left: Cole Jaczko '13, Mike Blouin '13, Dom Smith '13, Alp Tutuncu '12, Kevin Knowles '13, Brooks DiPaula '14, Andrew Mow '14, Ed Routh '13, JT Esquibel '13, and Jeremy Kanter '15.

our accomplishments and grow these efforts in the future.

OFFICERS LEAD BY EXAMPLE

We now have 10 officers to encourage leadership development across all areas of our brotherhood. Developing leadership and social skills in the chapter is absolutely imperative to California Delta as we aspire to develop men who will go on to do tremendous things with their life.

PIONEERING SPIRIT

Our new member program was reinvented to include a 10-week entrepreneurship program. It allows new members to develop a company from start to finish—in the end any profits go to our chapter's philanthropy. This is just the beginning of developing a pioneering spirit in each chapter member. Efforts to encourage growth will start day one of membership and continue until graduation and beyond.

These pillars implemented by chapter leadership should help California Delta not only win the University of Southern California Chapter of the Year award in January, but build a stronger brotherhood for years to come.

Amici,
Aaron Kennedy '14
Chapter President
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Alumni Update

Chapter Eternal

James "Jim" H. Harmon '60 entered Chapter Eternal in December 2015 as a resident of El Centro, Calif. He took pleasure in dove hunting with his pledge brother, **Wayne Graveline '60**, serving as a judge in El Centro, and spending time with his wife, Mary, and three sons.

Alumni News

Sam D. Boyer '46 spent 14 years as a coach for a junior all-American football team, which led Fountain Valley High School's varsity team to several championships. He suffered a femur bone fracture two years ago and uses a walker to get around. "Aside from my injury, I seem to be fairly healthy at 95 years old," he says. Sam has three children and lives in Fountain Valley, Calif.

Terry Pearson '50 has served on the board of directors of the Half Century Titans since 2003 and served as president of the organization in 2011. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award on behalf of the USC Alumni Association in 2014 and the Volunteer Service Award in 2013, and served a term on the USC board of governors. Terry and his wife, Anne, have two children, Beth and Jill, and live in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. E-mail: pearsona1@gmail.com

Lindon O. Crow '52 reports, "I love living in Exeter, Calif. I am recuperating from three strokes, but continue to enjoy what time I have left." He and his wife, Sandy, have three children: Wendy, Lindon Jr., and Melissa. E-mail: linisan2@aol.com

Carter Shrum '56 was deeply saddened by the passing of his wife, Vivian, to cancer in August 2012. He happily remarried in June 2015 to Suzanne, his high school sweetheart and USC alumna. "I'm happy, healthy, and enjoying life," Carter says. E-mail: cshrum37@gmail.com

Glen L. Dickey '57 stays active playing golf, tennis, bocce, and traveling. "I have
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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Michael Abud '16
Miami, Fla.

Max Ascolani '16
London, England

Nigel Egrare '16
Bellevue, Wash.

Jeffrey Linenger '16
Traverse City, Mich.

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London, England

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Irvine, Calif.

Alex Arjomand '16
Greenwich, Conn.

Jack Dunn '16
Pasadena, Calif.

Clayton Jurkowitz '16
Greenwich, Conn.

Mike Reed '16
San Francisco, Calif.

Save the Date

Founders Day Celebration
USC Chapter House
Saturday, February 25, 2017
12 to 3 p.m.

If you have questions and to RSVP, contact
Chapter President Aaron Kennedy '14
at askenned@usc.edu.

2016 Trojans Football Schedule

Saturday, October 1*
Arizona State Sun Devils

Saturday, October 8*
Colorado Buffaloes

Saturday, October 15
Arizona Wildcats

Thursday, October 27*
California Golden Bears

Saturday, November 5**
Oregon Ducks

Saturday, November 12
Washington Huskies

Saturday, November 19
UCLA Bruins

Saturday, November 26*
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Friday, December 2
Pac-12 Championship Game

*Home Game at Los Angeles
Memorial Coliseum
**Homecoming

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Alumni Update

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eight grandchildren who keep me young and on the go. I'm happy to be living in Marin County and staying healthy," he says. E-mail: bgdickey@comcast.net

David A. Burr '61 takes pleasure in reading the *Lamplighter* newsletter and staying updated on the active chapter's achievements. He and his wife, Lynn, live in Visalia, Calif., and have two children, Doug and Bob, both of whom are USC graduates.

Ron H. Elkin '64 reports that all is well. He stays busy with commercial real estate brokerage, playing golf, and going on winter getaways to destinations that have beaches every year. Ron and his wife, Holly, have three children and six grandchildren and embrace all the Billings, Mont., community has to offer. E-mail: relkin@naibusinessproperties.com

James "Jim" J. Florance '77 is happy to report that his daughter, Charlotte, got married on June 18 in Newport Beach, Calif. He enjoyed having **Jeff Kingsley '76**, **Jeff Phillips '66**, and **David Landia '77** present at the wedding and watching the USC marching band serenade Charlotte at her wedding reception at Balboa Yacht Club.

Bruce L. Sherman '77 appreciates reading the *Lamplighter* newsletter and is proud of how far the chapter has come. "Back in 1978, **Chris Goldsmith '75** and I started the Cal Delta *Lamplighter* newsletter. Keep up the great work!" he says. E-mail: brucefortitle@aol.com

Jon S. Mills '81 embraces life in Foothill Ranch, Calif. He serves on the USC Alumni Association board of governors and is active in leading the USC Architectural Guild alumni committee. Jon and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters: Julia, who is pursuing a degree in education, and Amanda, who is pursuing an interior design degree. E-mail: formills@cox.net

Travis W. Winsor '85 will serve as Commodore of the Lake Arrowhead Yacht Club in Newport Beach, Calif., this year. He is the third generation to serve in this officer position and will carry on the traditions of the community and the Corinthian spirit.

Miles Pedersen '11 attends the USC Dental School and is expected to graduate in 2019. He is on scholarship with the Navy and will serve for four years after graduating. Miles cherishes the memories and friendships he gained in Cal Delta and looks to reconnect with brothers in the near future. E-mail: mcpeders@usc.edu