

PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY EPSILON UPSILON CHAPTER GANNON UNIVERSITY ERIE, PA

Pi ke House Grounds and Landscaping Beautification Project

Buy a Brick -- Leave a Legacy

Dear Epsilon Upsilon Pike Brothers,

The Pike House has been the focal point of our Fraternity for most of our 60 plus years of history. Many of us visited 515 West 7th Street last fall when we gathered to celebrate 60 Years of Pikes at Gannon. The House has held up remarkably well considering the wear and tear it is subjected to in any given year. And today, Pi Kappa Alpha is Gannon's largest fraternity and the only Greek organization at Gannon that still has a house. The Pike House is a tangible asset which enhances the intangible benefits of becoming a Pike. The House is where we have our meetings and social gatherings; and it's where memories and lifelong friendships are made. The Pike House remains a source of pride for all Active Brothers and Alumni of Epsilon Upsilon.

Pike House Grounds and Landscaping Beautification Project

The current Chapter Officers reached out to the Alumni Board for help with some backyard improvements that will make the space more functional for larger gatherings. Specifically, installation of fencing, rebuilding a firepit, replacement of a shed, security lighting, and a solution for deteriorated bushes and grass patches. With the help of the Lake Erie Pike Alumni Association contact was made with Doreen and Rick Petri and other Erie area Alumni and spouses who have expertise in these matters. They conducted a site inspection, outlined a phased improvement plan, and agreed to provide advice and guidance to the Actives. We thank these volunteers.

The Legacy Brick Fundraising Campaign

Buy a Brick, Leave a Legacy

A project of this scope is beyond the normal budget funded by member dues and levying a significant assessment would be unrealistic. We believe a manageable solution would be to conduct an engraved brick fundraising campaign. This approach would not only provide the needed project funds but would also add a hardscape feature to the beautification project and provide an opportunity for loyal Pikes to place their name on the property. We have chosen to work with Bricks R Us, a company with over 30 years' experience helping organizations use memorial bricks to raise funds for their causes, including the Pi Kappa Alpha Memorial Headquarters in Memphis, TN.

Your Brick Tells Your Story – Who, When, Where

Your \$100 donation buys a 4" x 8" finished clay brick with a smooth surface, beveled edges, and space bars on the sides. Your personalized brick will be inscribed with your name, initiation year, and hometown. The standard format of the 4" x 8" brick will have three lines, 21 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation.

Line 1 – First and Last Name

Line 2 – Initiation Year

Line 3 – Hometown

This brick fundraising campaign will be a simple and successful method of raising the funds needed for the Pike House Grounds and Landscaping Beautification Project. The engraved bricks will be placed near the backyard firepit where they will be the focal point of the backyard.

Can You Give a Brother a Brick? YES, please do!

Please consider making an Additional Donation so we can memorialize over 60 of our Brothers who have entered Chapter Eternal, our Founders and Advisors, or another special Pike such as your Big Brother. Your additional donation will help us purchase these engraved bricks so they will have a place of honor among us. Your brick, and theirs, will become a permanent part of a memorial honoring our Epsilon Upsilon Pike Chapter. **If you would like to honor a specific person with your additional donation, please put their name(s) in the comment section.** Otherwise, the engraving committee will use the funds to honor someone on the Chapter Eternal list.

Building Pike Pride

The Lake Erie Pike Alumni Association invites Alumni and Active Members to purchase an engraved commemorative brick so you can cement your legacy at the Pike House forever!

Once a Pike – Always a Pike

Thank you for your consideration, support, and generosity.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Hauser '75, Brick Fundraising Chair, 410-905-6393 or

MHauser2000@cs.com

