

Dear Brothers,

I hope everyone is having a great summer and staying safe and healthy. For those of you that I have not met, my name is Stephen Kramer, LB 1028, Vice Presidents of the House Corporation, and the Fundraising Chairman for our 2021 Donation Campaign. I wanted to update everyone about our multiple construction projects and discuss this year's Donation Campaign.

I could not be happier with the support from the Alumni and the progress we have made in restoring the Chapter House. Last year, amid the worst of the pandemic, we raised over \$20,000 towards the Chapter House. We are extremely thankful to every brother that donated towards last year's campaign. I hope that we can continue this great momentum as the chapter looks to rebuild from the hardships of the pandemic.

With the support of your donations, the House Corporation has been hard at work completing structural and cosmetic to the House. As mentioned in last year's letter, we have completed critical repairs and patches to the roof and exterior sidings, gutted and refurbished both first floor bathrooms and the main bathroom upstairs, installed new cabinets, shelving, and a full-sized oven and range in the kitchen, and stripped and replaced the walls and flooring of the second and third floor with new drywall and vinyl flooring.

This year we renovated the main chapter room, installing new lighting, new fans, and updated all of the electrical work. Additionally, we have replaced our boiler and have finally updated it from oil to gas. No more running out of oil in the middle of January!

Make sure to check out all the pictures of the completed work on our website <https://lbzhc.org>. 2020 presented many challenges for all. Fortunately, due in a large part to your generous donations and the chapters extremely strong financial holdings, the chapter was able to weather this storm. The Chapter's membership continue to be strong relative to the challenges of an extremely limited recruiting season. The chapter is in good standing with both the University and General Fraternity. Parlor Fees are being assessed to non-residents, so that the entire chapter supports the cost of using the facility. All taxes and required financial filings are up to date. Even after a devastating pandemic that saw multiple fraternities across the country shut down due, the financials of both the Active Chapter and House Corporation are very healthy and should bounce back to pre-pandemic levels quickly.

Looking towards the future, there is still plenty of work to do! The basement and laundry room are the next major goals. Once these necessary repairs are complete, the House Corporation will begin discussions about non-critical repairs, such as re-installing the porch. While these non-critical repairs are still multiple years away, your generous contributions will directly impact how quickly we are able to accomplish them.

To reach these goals for improvements to the House, a fundraising goal of \$25,000 has been established to be raised by Homecoming. As with last year's donations, these will not be tax deductible. Based on past experience, we are recommending that Alumni who have graduated in the last two years consider a donation of \$50 to \$100. For all other Alumni we are asking that you consider a donation of between \$100 to \$500. These are suggested amounts. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

A mailing address is provided below if you would like to send a check. A link to a third-party service for accepting electronic donations with a variety of credit/debit cards or PayPal can be accessed at <https://lbzhc.org/donate> These donations will go directly to the House Corporation without the use of a personal account. This is the method used by major organizations. A dedicated website at - <https://lbzhc.org> has been created so everyone can see the progress of the Donation Campaign as well as who has participated. In addition, the website will be updated regularly with important information for alumni regarding upcoming events, photographs of completed work and other activities.

Thank you again to all of the Alumni who donated last year and thank you in advance to the Alumni that will donate this year.

Once again, be part of something big!

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