



# THE ALPHA PILOT

Alpha Pi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at the University of Wisconsin

## HOUSE RENOVATION

### “MARCHING ALONG” AT 622 MENDOTA COURT

#### Contributions Needed from Every Brother to Achieve \$1.5 Million Goal

I'm pleased to report house improvements stayed on track despite COVID-19 challenges. Today, the actives are enjoying a newly renovated kitchen, dining room, foyer, lobby, stairs, and study hall. We also have a new boiler and first floor guest restroom. Next up will be a remodeled billiards room, living room, and air conditioning system. The renderings provide a glimpse into the future of 622 Mendota Court, where all Alpha Pi brothers get the chance to live Beta Theta Pi's values while building lasting bonds of friendship and brotherhood.

#### Consider Room Naming Contributions

We will honor larger donations through a naming rights program. **Ted Kellner '69**, **Fred Goetzke '91**, and **Jeff White '91** have qualified for newly renovated rooms while over a dozen individuals are in line for dorm rooms. In addition to personal honors, naming a room to honor a living brother or in memory of a deceased brother is a great way to express respect and admiration. Think of the brothers who most influenced or contributed to your days at Alpha Pi. The newly renovated first floor Executive Board/Study Hall has been set aside to honor **Tom "OB" Oberwetter '74**. See the room naming opportunities list below.

#### Please Submit Your Signed Pledge

The total pledges now exceed \$912,000.

Additional verbal commitments have been promised, but until we receive a *signed pledge card* or email confirmation these verbal amounts cannot be counted in our campaign total. Signed confirmation of your verbal pledge will move us much closer to our goal of \$1.5 million. If you are considering contributing to the campaign but have not sent in a signed pledge, please do so now.

#### Actives Step Up in Support of Renovations and the Capital Campaign

It has been very rewarding to see the actives provide both time and treasure toward the house improvements. Throughout this process, the actives have demonstrated Beta's core values, especially mutual assistance, responsible conduct, and integrity. **CJ Adourian '22** and **John Boosalis '20** were critical members of the first floor design team and provided on-site support throughout the summer. CJ also spent a day with **Rod Taylor '72** to safely secure historic Badger pennants donated by Rod in the Billiards Room and Living Room. After **Bob Downing '91** donated landscaping and cleanup services around the house, the actives,



A before picture of the kitchen.

led by **Charlie Mavon '23**, took the lead in solving long-standing problems inside the house and with the garbage service out front. In a significant demonstration of their commitment to the future of Alpha Pi, the actives agreed to provide \$5,000 per semester for house maintenance and improvements through a parlor fee.

Yours in \_kai\_,

**Bart J. Kocho, #1613, UW 1980**

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**Save the date for two upcoming anniversaries — the chapter celebrates 150 years in 2023 and the house turns 100 in 2026!**

**Check Out Renovation Before and After Pictures at [betawisconsin.org](http://betawisconsin.org)!**

## Room Naming Opportunities

Original Veranda	\$250,000
Penthouse	\$100,000
Basement Overhaul	\$100,000
Attic Apartment	\$100,000
Kitchen & Dining Room	\$100,000
Terrace French Doors	\$50,000
Billiards Room	\$50,000
New Floors & Stairs	\$50,000
Foyer & Lobby	\$50,000
Backyard Landscaping	\$50,000
Dragon Lair	\$30,000
Pleasure Dome	\$30,000
President's Room	\$30,000
Dorm Rooms (20+)	\$15,000
Canoe Hole	Highest Bid

## All About Alpha Pi

### Ted Kellner '69 Shares Excitement About Beta's Future at UW-Madison



After growing up in the small town of Grafton, Wisconsin, **Ted Kellner '69** was dead set on attending UW-Madison from a young age. As much as Ted enjoyed being a walk-on on the Badgers basketball team at his dream school, he wanted to figure out how to bring the close-knit community feel he grew up around to a university of nearly 40,000 students.

Enter Beta Theta Pi.

"I met what have become lifelong friends through the Beta house," Ted said. "What the Beta house did for me was downsize the university and gave me friendships that have endured to today because of the people I met back then. I just had a terrific experience. It was a group of guys that I related to, so the Beta house became very special to me in my last three and a half years at the university."

Beta has remained very special to Ted and several others from his era, and they've shown their appreciation for Alpha Pi ever since graduating from UW-Madison. In 1968, Ted and five other brothers founded the Beta Fund.

"It was an investment club that initially had about six of us in it and now has about 15. We started it with about \$6,000 and put some money into it over the years. The fund now is at about \$28 million," Ted said. "We have annual conventions and get together. As we were doing some renovations on the house, we went back in the fall of 2018 for a

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reunion to meet the young men in the chapter. All 13 of us went back that weekend and just had a great time.”

Although two Beta Funders have since passed on since then, Ted knows that they would be proud of the chapter that Alpha Pi is today. At one point, Ted had the mortgage on the chapter house and the active chapter consisted of only 15 to 20 members. Alpha Pi was comprised of about 30 brothers for most of the 1990s and early 2000s, but is now stronger than ever with 140 brothers, thanks to support from the Beta Fund members and leadership from the active chapter and recent alumni.

“I just feel so good about it. The relationships I made at Beta really shaped who I am to a great degree,” Ted said. “My hope has always been that what I experienced would be transmitted through future generations of young men at Alpha Pi. I think now more than ever, the

potential of that is coming to fruition and continuing for the first time in the last few years because of the quality of the young men we have there.”

Beta and Badger basketball served as building blocks for Ted’s successful career as the CEO and chairman of Fiduciary Management. Ted is thankful that Badger basketball legend Ken Siebel suggested he meet Frank Graner, who was the chairman of the business finance department at UW-Madison and went on to be his advisor for three years. In 1980, Ted launched Fiduciary Management, which now manages \$22 billion in assets, thanks to Frank’s guidance. Frank also introduced Ted to real estate icon Jim Grasskamp. Jim jumpstarted Ted’s decision to start Fiduciary Real Estate Development in 1984. Fiduciary Real Estate Development owns and manages over 8500 multi-family residential units in Wisconsin and owns about \$1.7 billion of real estate.

Ted technically retired two years ago but still has substantial ownership in both companies. Along with attributing many of his accolades to Alpha Pi, he’s enjoyed seeing the positive impact Beta has had on his brothers as they’ve built their own successful careers. As the young men of Alpha Pi help Beta rise in the ranks of UW-Madison fraternities, Ted asks his brothers to do their part in helping them.

“If you had the experience that I had, I would hope you contemplate giving to the campaign. Think about your experience at Beta Theta Pi, the friendships you’ve made, and the times you’ve had,” Ted said. “I hope you will take the next step. The Beta experience can shape you for years to come and the friendships are lifelong.”

You can connect with Ted at [tkellner@tmpartners.net](mailto:tkellner@tmpartners.net) (please copy his assistant at [mrishel@tmpartners.net](mailto:mrishel@tmpartners.net)).



A Potter Lawson hand-drawn rendering of the living room.



A Potter Lawson hand-drawn rendering of the billiards room.

## THANK YOU, GENEROUS BROTHERS!

### Alumni Support Key to Alpha Pi’s Success

Thank you to the following supporters who have contributed to the *Preservation of the Alpha Pi House* campaign. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Beta Theta Pi at the University of Wisconsin and demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our \$1.5 million campaign goal and complete this project.

If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise **Bart Kochoa '80** at (262) 210-7035 or [bkochoa@wi.r.com](mailto:bkochoa@wi.r.com). Thank you!

#### Order of Wooglin (\$100,000 and above)

Ted Kellner '69

#### 1873 Club (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Frederic Goetzke '92  
Jeff White '92  
Alpha Pi Actives

#### 1926 Club (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

John Anderson '66  
John Evans '70  
Rod Taylor '72  
Mike Imse '77  
Chris Mortenson '77  
George Moore '79  
Glen Tellock '83  
Tom Halquist '86  
Anonymous Parent

#### Loving Cup (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

William Dietrich '62  
Ken Siebel '63  
Clyde Robinson '68  
Robert Feind '71  
Dave Lenz '71

Mike Muoio '74  
Bart Kochoa '80  
Max Lord '07

#### Penthouse (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

John Hofman '64  
Robert Paul '64  
Thomas Johnson '67  
Charley Giesen '68  
Robert Vig '69  
Jim Mack '70  
Francis Quinlan '70  
Al Kaniss '72  
Chuck Lucas '72  
Scott Nettum '72  
Ron Buss '73  
Tom Oberwetter '74  
Karl Hilgendorf '75  
Bernie Verhoeven '76  
Robert Lucas '77  
Larry Patzman '79  
Roger Friede '81  
Perry Atterholt '83  
H. Robert Foerster '83  
Bob Schnese '83  
Mark Schultze '83  
Thomas Lathrop '84  
Matt Gunderson '85

Robert Downing '91  
Adam Pottner '96  
Tym Rutkowski '09  
Peter Machmeier '12

#### Pleasure Dome (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Thomas Gilbertson '65  
David Maryland '68  
Tom W. Jones '70  
Randy Randolph '70  
Peter Stone '73  
Kim Wise '75  
Joel Marker '79  
Mark Hoffmeister '83  
Steve Southwell '83  
Andrew Smart '84

#### Dragon’s Lair (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Carlyle W. Fay '48  
Walter Ebling '54  
Geo F Hilgemeier Jr '55  
Tom Means '56  
Joe Irwin '58  
Daniel Worden '62  
John Bargren '63  
Dennis Christensen '69  
Michael Fullwood '69

John Oros '69  
Larry Stover '69  
Don McLuachlan '71  
Stephen Hilmer '72  
William Perrigo '72  
Quinn Williams '72  
Bob Renebohm '72  
Jim Thompson '72  
Steve Gunderson '73  
Michael Haas '74  
Randy Pfingsten '74  
Dan Siedlecki '75  
Craig Jones '77  
Lisle Blackburn '78  
Matt Frost '79  
Jeff Holtshopple '79  
Mark Kaiser '81  
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Robert Klockow '85  
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Boyd Miller '87  
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Andy Stravers '07  
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John Boosalis '20

#### Canoe Hole (\$100 to \$999)

Paul Tauche '48  
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Terry Gautsch '55  
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Charles Elliott '59  
Richard Vitkus '61  
Wright B. George '65  
Bruce Defnet '66  
Richard Kimberly '66  
Patrick Sommerfield '67  
Jim Pearce '68  
Dan Kimberly '69  
Dick Schwarte '69  
Rudy Schmidt '70  
Robert Waddell '70  
John Kelley '71  
Gregory Barney '72  
Charles Gross '75  
Jim Haas '75  
Bruce Huijbregtse '76  
Jim Egan '79  
Jim Olson '79  
Joe Gonzalez '81  
Tim Eigenfeld '82  
Paul Hanusa '82

**Campaign Status At-a-Glance**  
*As of September 15, 2020*

\$1.5 Million Goal

\$912,486 Total Contributions

138 Contributors

801 Mailable Members

Michael Wahl '85  
Ethan E. Vielehr '86  
Christopher Flood '87  
James Gould '87  
John Curtis '88  
David Walters '91  
Rob Nicholas '93  
Mike Goggin '96  
Michael Powers '96  
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William Maguire '06  
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Hunter Holtshopple '11  
Lee Southwell '15  
Jacob Hentges '18  
Derek Campbell '19