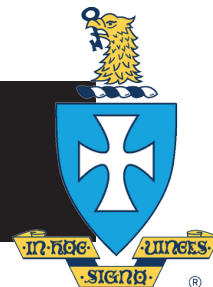


Iota Pi Chapter of Sigma Chi



WE NEED HELP!

March 21, 2023

Brothers,

Thank you to those who attended the Feb. 25th open house, dedication ceremony and celebration at The Mecca Bar. The day showcased the brotherhood we have all come to cherish, and the Chapter House is now in its best shape since The House Corp. purchased it in 1988. There are pictures of the event and remodel at the following link: [Photos and videos.](#)

Our Chapter House was originally built in 1897 and is now over 125 years old. The remodel was essential and vital to Iota Pi's existence at Marquette. The house upgrades and repairs include: 10 single- and 2 double-occupancy rooms; a professional kitchen; 2 half bathrooms; 2 full bathrooms, each containing double shower stalls and large counters; new HVAC throughout the house; safety features including a sprinkler system, alarms and new front door; a new staircase from the first floor into the basement; and new windows, insulation and drywall throughout. The original hardwood floors all have been refinished and restored, and the basement saw the largest transformation with the complete removal of the boiler system and walls, which were replaced with 4 load-bearing pillars to represent the 4 founding members of Alpha Sigma Chi – Jamie Militello III, Phil Serier, Todd Foneseca and Mark Cotteleer.

It was great to see many alumni brothers from the "Alpha" and "Beta" pledge classes, along with many more brothers from following years. The transformation of the house is a sight every brother needs to see. During the dedication ceremony, the 72 names from the original charter, which still hangs in the front room of the house today, were read aloud, giving praise to those who made it all possible.

The budget for this project was over \$1.3 million, and this is the reason the **HOUSE NEEDS YOUR HELP!** The House Corp. received an insurance settlement from the freezing-pipes claim of 2020 and secured a substantial mortgage the active chapter must pay down. The \$350,000 we need to secure is the difference — and is a reasonable target for Iota Pi alumni to raise. We have over 600 alumni, and we are hoping to get 100% participation in the fundraising efforts to pay for a portion of this remodel. The donations to date have come from fewer than 50 alumni brothers and range in size from \$100 to \$10,000. We need the support of **ALL 600**. The size of each donation is important, but it is up to you to determine the amount you are able to give. We need a quick response to assist in our goal of hitting \$350,000. If you already have donated, we truly appreciate your participation, and if you want to send more, feel free to do so. The remodel is complete, and the bills need to be paid, so please donate as soon as and as much as possible. We need everyone's assistance to make this house a safe place for our active brothers to live and to grow our legacy.

As an added incentive to move quickly, some founders, alumni and national leadership have instituted a matching campaign. The group has pledged \$30,000 toward a matching contribution. Please help us hit the goal of raising \$30,000 in the next 30 days, and we can double down on the matching funds!

There are several simple ways to send money to the campaign on our website, www.makeyourmarque.org: You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring monthly donations on PayPal, or you can send a check to the address listed on the site. The website also has a complete list of donors and shows an up-to-date report on every dollar raised. There is no amount too small to send, so please get your name on the donor list and help spread the word and inspire each other to contribute. For those of you who already have contributed, we thank you again.

The active chapter is strong and growing. We currently have 85 actives and a pledge class of 27. Sigma Chi is the largest social fraternity at Marquette. The remodel gives the growing chapter a house in which to expand our brotherhood and offers our alumni the opportunity to be a proud participants in the preservation of the Sigma Chi legacy. We will organize and plan several alumni events each year to reconnect and keep the house project alive. If you would like to help the fundraising efforts, please contact us, and we can share contact details along with cell phone and email information for alumni from your active years. We need your help!

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