

Capital Campaign Report

Dear Brothers,

The Lambda Nu Graduate Association's capital campaign, in support of providing a safe, As our capital campaign nears the end of the fourth year, we have begun to see the fruits of our labor! At the Ground Breaking Ceremony on February 4th, we officially began renovation of our fraternity house. It was extremely gratifying for me, as well as the many brothers attending the ceremony, to see the renovation begin.

I would like to thank Eric Drumheller and all who worked on the ceremony. It was great to see so many graduate brothers in attendance. A special thank you to the three brothers present who have received the Most Distinguished Phi Gam award from the national organization: Jerry Solomon ('51), who came all the way from Arizona, John Binning ('43) and John Gottschalk ('65). Finally, I would like to thank all 240 of you who have made this possible with your donation and belief in Phi Gamma Delta.

With construction underway, we have seen an increase in donations to the campaign. Recent large donations include brother Mike Cassling's ('86) additional \$50,000 challenge gift, bringing his total to \$150,000. Trey Mytty ('95) also increased his gift by \$15,000, and Jack Bryant ('45) remembered us in his will with a \$10,000 gift.

We have also had several \$5000 pledges. With 240 brothers on board, we currently have \$1,272,000 in pledges and gifts. I would like to thank W. D. Craig ('98) for his help in securing many new pledges recently. W D has officially joined the campaign committee!

We still need to raise an additional \$400,000 by mid August in order to complete the campaign. For those of you who have not yet pledged, please consider being a part of the excitement at 1425 "R" Street.

Fraternally,

Joe Skradski ('83)



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Lambda Nu Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta

Keep up with the Chapter House renovation at our new blog thisoldfijihouse.org

Lambda Nu 'breaks ground' on \$1.5 million renovation

Lambda Nu Graduate and Undergraduate Brothers symbolically broke ground on Friday, February 4, 2011 officially starting the construction phase of the capital campaign to renovate the chapter house. Brothers and special guests gathered in the dining room for a reception of light appetizers and conversation. The official program took place in the chapter's living room. Guest's included Ms. Patricia Engelhard, Lambda Nu's Housemother, Sarah Pfeiffer, photographer, Linda Schwarzkopf, Director of Greek Affairs and Dr. Matthew Hecker, Dean of Students from the University of Nebraska.

Purple Legionnaire Adam Goll (Nebraska 2007) emceed the event which featured special welcomes from John Osterholm (Nebraska 1995), Dr. Joe Skradski (Nebraska 1983), William Grubb (Nebraska 2013) and John Gottschalk (Nebraska 1965). The program concluded with the 'most senior' brother in attendance, John Binning (Nebraska 1945) and the youngest brother Mike Nikischer (Nebraska 2014) symbolically 'breaking ground' on the \$1.5 million renovation using one of the shovels from the 1964 addition groundbreaking.

The renovation includes installing fire sprinklers, updating the fire alarm system, new mechanical systems and a suite style room layout. Follow the progress on the House Corporation's blog – thisoldfijihouse.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Founders Day Breakfast
May 5th, 7-9 a.m.
at Champions Club

2011 Fiji Golf Outing
May 14th at 11 a.m.
at Miracle Hills Golf Course
E-mail: wdcraig@cox.net
to reserve your foursome

Pig Dinner
October 7th
at Chey Hez
14th & P Lincoln

Tailgate at the house
October 8th
Time: TBD



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Chef Connie retires after 16 years

In 1994, Connie Jones responded to a “fraternity cook needed, send resume” want ad in the Lincoln Journal Star. She had no way of knowing that she would be getting herself into an organization where she would meet many fine young men who became an important part of her life. Lambda Nu honored Connie, and her husband Charles, for her 16 years of service at a reception on December 11, 2011 in Omaha. Even with blizzard-like conditions outside, more than 50 people attended the event.

Connie recalls being anxious on her first day. “I didn’t know what to expect since the housemother who hired me had resigned, the new housemother had not started, and the extent of my training was receiving the keys to the kitchen and a note in the mail that said school starts August 23,” said Jones. Connie was put at ease when Todd Villotta (Nebraska 1996) stopped by the kitchen, introduced himself, welcomed her to the fraternity and told her to call him with any questions. “Todd made me feel welcomed to the fraternity,” commented Jones, “It was nice to know that someone was there for help if I needed anything.”

Since Connie began her work at the FIJI house, more than 270 FIJIs have been part of her life. All of them have been impacted by Connie and they, in turn, affected her. Having no idea of what fraternity men were like, she said she was pleasantly surprised at what “nice, polite young men” the fraternity has had over the years. One of her best memories was shortly after her husband’s heart attack when the undergraduates went together to purchase Garth Brooks tickets for her. Connie said “The boys knew I wanted to go, but I couldn’t afford to at the time. They called me into the dining room Monday night and presented me tickets. I cried all the way home.”

Now that Connie is retired, she plans to enjoy her time in a different fashion and focus on what she wants to do for herself and her husband. “If I don’t want to get up, I won’t,” she stated. She also plans to drive her husband Charles nuts with her never ending ‘honey-do’ list.

Connie started her retirement by using the money donated by the Graduate Brothers for a 10-day trip to parts of the country she had only dreamed of seeing. During Connie and Charles’ February travel, they visited Graceland in Memphis, TN, spent several days in New Orleans, LA, and toured the civil war battlefields in Vicksburg, MS. Connie says “thank you to everyone who thought of me”.

Connie would love to hear from you. Connie can be reached at her home: 4845 Knox, Lincoln, NE 68504, 402.466.1374, crcrjones@yahoo.com.

Donor List For Connie

- Jon Alderson, 2012
- Robert Alderson, 2008
- John Barksdale, 2001
- Bill Bemis, 2001
- Ryan Black, 2004
- Cameron Craig, 2001
- Butch & Katy Craig
- WD Craig, 1998
- Tyson Deklavs, 2004
- Matthew Dill, 1999
- Levi Dixon, 2014
- David Downs, 2004
- Cindy & Dennis Drumheller
- Eric Drumheller, 1998
- Andy Goranson, 1999
- Christopher Hillis, 2009
- David Hunter, 1997
- JR Johnson, 2001
- Wes Madden, 1999
- Justin Magill, 2002
- Brian Marasco, 2001
- Christopher Marsh, 2008
- Mark Moody, 2001
- Trey Mytty, 1996
- Aaron Ness, 1998
- John Osterholm, 1996
- Tony Paladino, 1999
- John Palecek, 2000
- Chad Pfeiffer, 2001
- Mary Remus, housemother (1994-1995)
- Mike Ruhlman, 2001
- Linda Schwartzkopf & Mike Fultz, Director of Greek Affairs
- Joe Skradski, 1983
- Joe Staroska, 1997
- Andrew Webb, 1997
- Miles Morgan, 2011



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Only a small portion of the project is deemed “educational,” which means there is a need for contributions that are not tax deductible to complete the project with minimal borrowing costs. Therefore, donors are asked to make contributions to Lambda Nu Graduate Association of Phi Gamma Delta and start the pledge periods as early as possible.

Contributions or gifts to the Graduate Association are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Please use this pledge form to make your gift to the Graduate Association. You can show your support for our project and Lambda Nu by completing and returning this form at your earliest convenience. If you have already made a pledge, you may also use this form to increase your existing pledge.

Donors pledging \$10,000 and above may be eligible for a partial tax deduction, and if your employer offers a matching gift program, you may be able to double your contribution. Contact a campaign representative to discuss these gift opportunities.

Make Checks Payable To:	Mail Form and Payments To:
Lambda Nu Graduate Association of Phi Gamma Delta	Lambda Nu Graduate Association of Phi Gamma Delta P.O. Box 81893 Lincoln, NE 68501-1893

We Want Your Recommendations!

Brothers, we are going to have the best fraternity house on campus and we want to fill it with the best men coming to UNL. If you know of any quality men whom you’d like us to contact please refer them to us for rush. You can either contact one of the rush chairmen listed below, or e-mail the graduate chapter at pgd@unl.edu

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