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CHI PHI WISCONSIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
KAPPA CHAPTER

SPRING 2026

2025-2026 KAPPA ALUMNI BOARD OFFICERS

Conrad Freeman '78
PRESIDENT (ALPHA)
Shared oversight of
business management

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VICE PRESIDENT (BETA)
Advisor to the Alpha and
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Dewey Bredeson '83
SECRETARY (GAMMA)
Risk manager (works
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on legal matters)

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Alumni Advisory
Committee Chairman

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ALUMNI EVENTS (ETA)
Event coordinator

Gary Peterson '77
ALUMNI RELATIONS (THETA)
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Rudy Rush '78
BUILDING MANAGER (IOTA)

The Return of Kappa: A Brotherhood Reborn

Dear Kappa Brothers,



This is a great time for Chi Phi at Wisconsin. Over the past two years, we have made tremendous progress: we have reestablished our working relationship with Chi Phi National; been re-admitted as a recognized student organization by the university; reincorporated the Alumni Association and received our determination letter from the IRS as a 501(c) (7); hired a new management company to run the house; and as Rudy will explain elsewhere, we have begun attacking the deferred maintenance. Most important of all, last November, for the first time in over a decade, we initiated new Brothers into the Kappa Chapter of Chi Phi!

The year ahead will be a busy one. We have met with our new actives to plan the spring rush, which is the priority. If we want to return to the house in the fall of 2027, we need to grow. We also need to continue to build the momentum with you, our Alumni.

Last September, for the first time in over a decade, we elected a full board of nine members. At this fall's Reunion, we will elect three new board members as we rotate the board membership. We will also elect the Alumni Advisory committee to support our new chapter. Please reach out if you are interested in helping with the Board or the Committee.

Plan to attend the 2026 Reunion: mark your calendar and make a point to join us this September at the first home football game following Labor Day when the Badger will be taking on Western Illinois. We will have an event at the house where you'll get to meet our newest Chi Phis, and a lot of older ones too. But most of all, you can help us keep the momentum moving. Without strong Alumni support, this won't happen.



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Preserving Our Legacy: Progress and Priorities for the Chi Phi House

RUDY RUSH '78, BUILDING MANAGER

The following outline provides a snapshot of the progress made to date on the house, along with priority projects identified for future planning. It reflects a balanced approach, addressing immediate maintenance needs while thoughtfully investing in long-term structural, aesthetic, and operational improvements.

Chi Phi House Identified Projects

Completed:

- Yard and grounds cleanup
- Gutter cleanup to reduce overflow and runoff
- Spray clean outside building stone face (removing vines and discoloration)
- Cover window wells to basement to minimize debris capture but allowing egress
- Boiler, TV, and utility rooms debris cleanup
- Painted basement, hallways, commons, entry, and dining room

Identified:

- Flooring upgrade/recondition (commons, entry, and dining rooms)
- Upgrade heating system throughout the house for existing hot water radiation
- Lighting upgrade (exterior and Interior)
- Recondition basement flooring
- Remodeling bathrooms (basement, powder room, second and third floors)

- Repair windows (interior and exterior)
- Room upgrades (paint, finishes, and lighting)
- Concrete repairs/replacement (entry and parking lot curb)
- Furniture addition (commons area and dining room tables)
- Refinish trim throughout house
- Repairs/replace room doors
- Upgrade Security (cameras and building entries)
- Identify necessary Wi-Fi and cable connections
- Evaluate and replace roofing
- Access to attic that was used for events in the past, which is currently locked off due to access-liability issues; if to be accessible, an improved means of access and egress must be installed

Currently in Place:

- Sprinkler system and monitoring/inspections in place.
- Boiler system relatively new (less than five years) with regular inspections in place
- Fire and building inspections regularly take place by local authorities.

REMINDER: Due to the age and historical significance of this building, all consideration must be made to maintain the integrity of its history and appearance.

New Alpha. New Energy. Meet Ajay Singh!

My name is Ajay, the current Alpha. I'm a Biochemistry student hoping to go to med school once I graduate from here at UW-Madison. I joined Chi Phi because I wanted to build a stronger community here on campus and leave something behind. During the summer, I like to golf with my friends back home and try making new foods. I love to travel and experience new places. I'm looking forward to all the new members we will be getting over the next year and to becoming leaders both in the social scene and in terms of service and philanthropy.



Tradition and Brotherhood Renewed at Initiation on November 15

HARLEY SCHOENFELDT '76, VICE PRESIDENT, CHI PHI WISCONSIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On November 15, 2025, the Kappa Chapter of Chi Phi Fraternity at the University of Wisconsin–Madison welcomed a distinguished new class of Brothers during a formal initiation ceremony held at the Masonic Lodge in Madison. The event reflected the strength of Chi Phi's traditions, the diversity of its membership, and the enduring bonds of Kappa Brotherhood.

The ceremony was conducted according to the formal Chi Phi Ritual and led by three National representatives, highlighted by Heritage & Traditions Counselor Christian Sutton (Theta Delta '19, Phi Delta '19), who guided the proceedings with professionalism and reverence. The ritual, lasting several hours, provided a meaningful and memorable experience for all in attendance.

Newly Initiated Brothers

The Kappa Chapter proudly initiated the following members:

Ajay Singh: Sophomore from Minnesota. Enjoys golf, NHS involvement, and data science. Currently serving as Chapter President.

Wyld Wittkopf: Freshman. Swimmer and cyclist who enjoys board games and philosophy. Serves as Vice President.

“Kendo” Siwapat Sansnongracha: Senior from Thailand. Enjoys the gym, pickleball, and sports while studying international law. Serves as Treasurer.

“Bright” Pongdanai Sirithakulpong: Senior from Thailand. Enjoys the gym, pickleball, and sports. Studying international law. Serves as Secretary.

Szabolcs Csog: Senior from Hungary studying

international law. Passionate about travel, football, and cultural exploration.

Gabriel Rodriguez: Senior originally from Mexico, living in the US for four years. Family oriented with interests in sports, food, and economic discussion.

Their varied backgrounds and shared commitment to scholarship, leadership, and Brotherhood reflect the continued strength and global character of the Kappa Chapter.

Alumni Presence

The ceremony was further enriched by the attendance and support of Kappa Alumni, including Conrad Freeman, Harley Schoenfeldt, Chris Bowen, Randy Wade, Eric King, Dewey Bredeson, and Tom Lenz. Their participation reinforced the lasting connection between generations of Kappa Brothers and the importance of alumni engagement in sustaining Chapter traditions.

Celebration and Fellowship

Following the initiation, Brothers and Alumni gathered for a celebratory dinner graciously hosted by Dewey Bredeson and his wife, Sandy, at their Madison residence. The evening provided a warm and welcoming setting for fellowship, reflection, and storytelling.

Throughout the dinner, many Kappa tales of Brotherhood and Chapter history were shared, connecting newer members with the legacy and traditions that have shaped the Chapter over time. The exchange of stories and experiences served as a powerful reminder of the lifelong bonds forged through Chi Phi.

The November initiation stands as another proud milestone for the Kappa Chapter, honoring its heritage while welcoming a new generation of Brothers dedicated to carrying its values forward.



Alumni (back row and bottom left) attend the initiation of Kappa's newest recruits (front row).

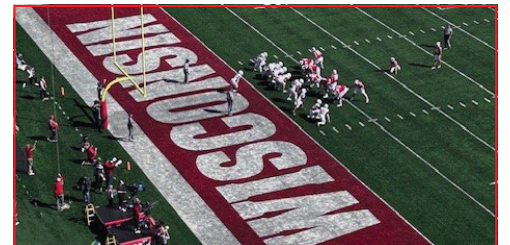


Meet the newest members of the Kappa Chapter of Chi Phi: (back row) “Bright” Pongdanai Sirithakulpong, Szabolcs Csog, and “Kendo” Siwapat Sansnongracha; (front row) Wyld Wittkopf, and Ajay Singh.

Reconnecting in 2026: Alumni Events on the Horizon

CHRIS BOWEN '84, EVENT COORDINATOR

We are currently in the rudimentary stages of planning a slate of Alumni events for the spring, summer, and fall of 2026. I would greatly appreciate any suggestions as to types of events, locales, dates, etc. I would like to have an event in the Milwaukee area in addition to those in Madison. Ideas suggested to date are golf outings, trap shooting, a Brewer's game, State Street Horseshoe, and Shower Club, among others. Please feel free to share ideas. Looking forward to reconnecting with all Brothers! Contact me at kuribo@tds.net.



SAVE THE DATE:
Kappa Annual Alumni
Football Weekend
September 12, 2026

Badgers vs. Western Illinois

Friday Night Happy Hour
Saturday Tailgate and Game

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!!!



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A Nostalgic Return to Tradition: Alumni Gather for the 2025 Reunion of Chi Phi



Chi Phi Alumni gather at Reunion Weekend 2025 in Madison to celebrate tradition, Brotherhood, and lifelong bonds!

This past September, Alumni gathered in Madison for the 2025 Reunion Weekend to celebrate lifelong connections and the enduring Brotherhood of Chi Phi. Participants representing classes from 1966 through 2015 came together to reconnect, share memories, and strengthen momentum for the future.

The weekend included a golf outing, a return visit to 200 Langdon, and an evening celebration at Argus Grill, where the Wisconsin Alumni Association was formally established, a board was elected, and more than 30 Alumni were honored with anniversary pins. On Saturday, attendees enjoyed a traditional tailgate before watching the University of Wisconsin–Madison football team secure a 42-10 victory. The weekend concluded with conversations focused on supporting the Associate Chapter and connecting with prospective New Members.

The enthusiasm, fellowship, and dedication shown about the Kappa Chapter returning to Wisconsin were evident throughout the weekend. Mark your calendars for September 2026. We look forward to welcoming even more Alumni!