ACTIVE/ALUMNI WORK DAY—28 SEPTEMBER 2013

Our brothers of the Active Chapter wish me to start with a hearty expression of gratitude for the alumni support they have been privy to this semester. Eleven Alumni were able to step up and provide support for this work day effort. This support took on two primary forms—give financial donations to purchase necessary materials or make the trip to Rolla to participate in the workday with us. Much thanks and kudos go out to Jeff Zieger (Ψ4326), Jeff ‘JJ’ Lister (Ψ4347), Mark Schlemeier (Ψ372), Andrew ‘Drew’ Davids (Ψ440), and Matt Wilson—a.k.a. Pube (Ψ447) who donated the lion’s share of their weekend to make the drive to Rolla and work alongside the active chapter and our associates to improve the house. We also had the pleasure to meet and work alongside two potential Fall 2014 Associates as Mark Schlemeier was accompanied by his son Alex and his son’s friend Scott, who both rolled up their sleeves to help us out. THANKS GUYS!!

The main effort of the day focused on repainting the exterior walls and trim of the New House, Annex and Shed and the work day activities kicked off around 9:00 AM as planned—spite of any late night frivolity (Schlemeier). Brothers worked side by side either taping, rolling, or trimming (cutting in) for most of the morning.

Brothers Lister and Schlemeier noted a faulty (missing) downspout on the SW corner of the New House and resulting wood root on the paneling and took that on as their project for the day. A trip to the hardware store, some cutting, fitting and nailing later the actives had a new corner with a new downspout. Alumni sprung for Papa John’s Pizza, Powerade and Soda to feed the brothers lunch. We finished strong, trying to get as much done before the storms blew in from the West around 5:00 PM.

So far, we’ve raised $1462.94 for the Paint & Doors projects with commitments from three or four alumni to send be able to purchase the materials necessary to replace all of the doors. We spent approximately $800 on the paint and supplies for the day. Before making our departure, Brothers Lister, Schlemeier and Buchanan conducted a walk around and took note of smaller projects which could be completed by small groups of 2-3 guys in a day or less. Brother Buchanan is currently working on getting estimated costs of materials for those projects which will be disseminated in future updates along with the tools required to do the work. So please keep the donations coming.
Good things get done when brothers come together with the common goal of making the chapter house better.

The Work Day was a success. Throughout coordination efforts many alumni expressed a sincere desire to come down and help and the actives have a sincere desire to work with you and learn from you when you do. Kansas City, St. Louis and Springfield are the three main sources for this kinds of hands on support and Actives would love to see more of us more often at the house. Jeremy Hall (AΨ472) is going to begin coordinating with St. Louis alumni and Drew Davids (AΨ440) is going to coordinate with KC alumni to get two groups to converge on the Chapter House one more time this semester for an Alumni workday. We will have a list of smaller projects, with materials and tools required to complete the project and get as much done as we can in the day. We’ll be talking to you soon!

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