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Brothers – how fortunate are we?! We ask that question to keep a positive perspective through the COVID-19 pandemic, we still have each other. Across many miles, states, and life experiences a lot of us started our adult journey at 951 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Who knew in late 2017 when our chapter went through its darkest time being removed from ECU's campus and Greek system that it would set us up for our greatest time to come. We are not there yet but to cleanse the fraternity from those that would put it in harms way was a blessing, and find a way to get our house not only renovated but also fully rented through a global pandemic. Oh by the way, we're only a few short years to our house being completely paid off; **with other people's money!** Know that if you're reading this newsletter, you are part of special bond whose origin will always hold true. We were built on love, charity, and esteem; three characteristics that never go out of style, especially these days. We love our brothers!

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# 2021 RECENT HOUSE TOUR



REMAINING MORTGAGE  
**\$54,310.37**



REMAINING RENTAL AGREEMENT

25 Months  
**\$4,000/month**



## FINANCIAL UPDATE – 2021 Q1

TKE 2021 1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL OVERVIEW	
BEGINNING BALANCE	20,357

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DEPOSITS	\$	12,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>33,357</b>
LESS EXPENSES	\$	14,815
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>18,542</b>

Upcoming known expenses 2nd qtr		
Repayment of emergency loan(Jackson/Vanhorn)	\$	7,500

**\$10,000 FUNDRAISING GOAL**

For 2021, the Alumni Association goal is to raise at least \$10,000. We don't have to stop there though!

**Current Amount 40.2%**  
As of 29 March, we've made great progress!

**\$7,500 Target by July 01, 2021**  
Let's keep up the momentum brothers!

**BASE CAMP (START)**

Kicked off this year with a new financial portal to make it easy for brothers to pay dues and donate additional funds to specific cost types (e.g., charity, social)

**See Appendix #1 for detailed breakdown of financial contributions in 2021. Let's keep up the great momentum!!**

## FUNDRAISING DETAILS

DATE	NAME	DUES	DONATIONS	TOTAL	HOUSING	CHAR. CONT	SOCIAL
23-Mar	Jack Cohen	\$ 100	\$ 900	\$ 1,000	\$ 770	\$ 165	\$ 65
23-Mar	Scott Mosher	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 140	\$ 30	\$ 30
23-Mar	Glenn Wood	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 120	\$ 40	\$ 40
23-Mar	Don Troutman	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 140	\$ 30	\$ 30
24-Mar	Don Lewis	\$ 100	\$ 900	\$ 1,000	\$ 700	\$ 150	\$ 150
24-Mar	Mark Brinkley	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15

24-Mar	Gregg Piunkett	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
24-Mar	Ken Reece	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
24-Mar	Mark Brinkley	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 140	\$ 30	\$ 30
25-Mar	Daryl Smith	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 210	\$ 45	\$ 45
30-Dec	Marshall Warren	\$ 120	\$ -	\$ 120	\$ 84	\$ 18	\$ 18
30-Dec	Nathan Gminder	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
30-Dec	Joe Moss	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
26-Mar	TJ Hill	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
29-Mar	Drew Griffin	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 40
TOTAL	15	\$ 1,520	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,020	\$ 2,754	\$ 628	\$ 538
<b>TOTAL%</b>	<b>15%</b>			<b>40.20%</b>			
<b>GOAL 2021</b>	<b>100</b>			<b>\$ 10,000</b>			
FURNITURE DONATIONS				\$			
May'2020	Doc Lewis	\$	5,000				
May'2020	Jim Lindley	\$	5,000				
May'2020	Marshall Warren	\$	2,500				
		\$	12,500				
MONEY TO BE USED FOR FURNITURE ONCE WE REGAIN HOUSE							

## CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO JOIN YOUR BROTHER'S FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS!

<https://portal.icheckgateway.com/LambdaPsiAlumniAssociation/>



## NEW ALUMNI FINANCIAL PORTAL

During our last Alumni breakfast in the fall of 2019 (***WOW! That was a long time ago***), it was determined that we should reinstate the Alumni Dues moving forward. We selected three main categories that the dues will apply towards but left the option open for **YOU** to dictate where your money goes if you prefer another category:

For example, you can break-down your dues in a fashion similar to below:

- Housing projects – 70%
- Charitable Contributions – 15%
- Social events – 15%
- Other – If one does not like any/all above there is an option of your choice As many of us have said over the years, small contributions from many is much more sustainable than large contributions from a few. We need these small \$100 contributions from many to make sure we as an Alumni can contribute to the benefit of our Fraternity long term.

Think about it! If we had 300 Alumni contributing \$100 per year what that would look like:

- \$21,000 for Housing projects
- \$4,500 for Charitable contributions
- \$4,500 for Social events

Talk about living out our TKE ideals of love, charity, and esteem! Imagine each Annual Football weekend where instead of asking the question on how we can defer costs, we decide to apply \$4,500 to a weekend that will continue building our bond. **What about** preventative maintenance on the house, funded by the Alumni!? Oh I know what you're thinking, the undergrads will just ruin the place (*not to say any of us ever did that*) but we've got a plan, bonified rental agreements with required deposits and other protections to make our investment in the fraternity is not impacted by a few unruly undergrads. Kudos need to go out to **Mike Criscitiello** for setting up the Alumni portal on behalf of the TKE Lambda-Psi Alumni Association. It was designed to be an easy way to collect annual dues without having to remember to write a check each year and then having to remember where to send it.

**CLICK LINK BELOW TO LEARN MORE**

[CLICK HERE](#)



## OPERATION BASEMENT UPDATE

The Executive Committee would like to move forward pending available funds with a limited basement project to deal with the historical issues experienced but nothing more (*i.e., not trying to make the space habitable*). The current layout (e.g., new beams from top floor addition several other factors, we believe this is the best path long-term. We appreciate every one who has helped with this effort so far. We cannot do it without a team effort!

### JOB DETAILS

Install WaterGuard sub-floor drainage system as indicated in job drawing.  
 Install WaterGuard Port for access to system.  
 Install 3" concrete stage that will have to be cut through

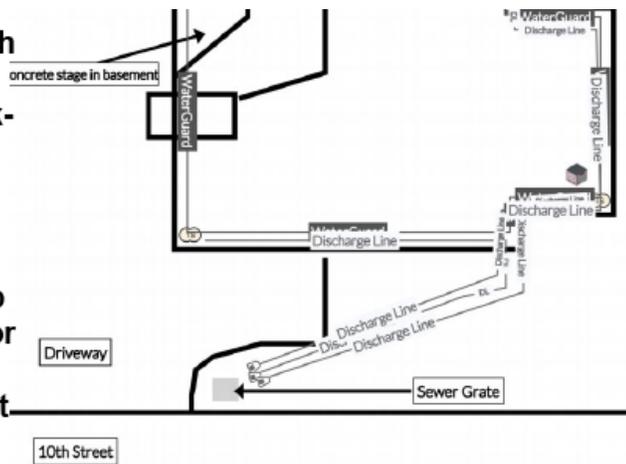
#### Project Summary

My Basement .....	\$28,715.00
Total Investment .....	\$28,715.00
Preferred Customer Discount .....	\$2,871.50
<b>Total Contract Price .....</b>	<b>\$25,843.50</b>
Deposit Required - 30% .....	\$7,753.05
Deposit Paid .....	\$0.00
<b>Amount Due Upon Installation ..</b>	<b>\$25,843.50</b>



have to be cut through.

Install TripleSafe pump system with twin liner, 1/3 hp cast iron primary AC pump, 1/2 hp cast iron AC back-up pump, and UltraSump battery back-up pumping system with charging/control box with alarm, and 120 amp sealed maintenance free battery. Includes 3 CleanPump stands, airtight lid with airtight floor drain, and WaterWatch alarm system. Install LawnScope outlet at end of discharge line. Exterior discharge line. Install SaniDry Sedona to keep humidity low.



## CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

**TKE Nationals is asking for our support! They want us to tell Congress that the time is now to pass the END ALL Hazing Act.**

Alleged hazing incidents, the deaths of Stone Foltz at Bowling Green State University and Adam Oakes at Virginia Commonwealth University are a reminder of the urgency needed. We must be clear that hazing is a betrayal of the fraternal vows to which every member commits and has no place in any student organization on any campus. When hard alcohol is added to the mix, it is a formula for tragedy.

**WANT TO VOICE YOUR SUPPORT, CLICK BELOW:**

<https://www.votervoice.net/NAIC/2/campaigns/81951/respond>

With 50% of college students exposed to hazing in high school, it is a critical issue facing campuses today across all student organizations, marching bands and athletics.

The END ALL Hazing Act requires each institution of higher education that receives federal student aid to maintain and update biannually a website page that discloses student organization violations of the institution's code of conduct that threaten the safety of students. The report would detail the corrective measures imposed by the school on the student organization. This would allow students and parents to make more informed decisions about which student organizations are safe to join. States such as South Carolina and Pennsylvania have already adopted similar laws, but it would be more effective for federal law to include these disclosures to cover all schools. We must move quickly to pass this critical legislation.

The END ALL Hazing Act is supported by the Anti-Hazing Coalition which includes families of hazing victims who partner with North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), National APIDA Panhellenic Association (NAPA), National Multicultural Greek Council (NMGCC), Association of Eastern Leadership & Values (AELV),

Multicultural Greek Council (NMGCC), Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values (AFLV), HazingPrevention.Org, Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors and other organizations committed to eradicating hazing.

Visit [EndAllHazing.org](http://EndAllHazing.org) to learn more.



## DOC'S CORNER

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### A TekeHouse "Legend" to be told at our upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> – 75<sup>th</sup> – 100<sup>th</sup> Lambda-Psi Anniversaries

In the coming years, after Lambda-Psi's Charter is restored at ECU, our New Fraters will want to hear the stories about our Chapter's Founding, its Founders, Boxing Tournaments, Parties, Nights of Madness, Voyages to the Center of the Earth, Rushes, Socials, etc... They will also be curious about how we were able to survive so many events that could have ended it all.

Predictably we will be asked about how we survived losing our Charter just before our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. **New Brother asking:** *"Ole Wise and Sage Brother, please tell me just how the heck y'all survived that trailer load of draconian horrors?? The Charter got pulled by Teke National, ECU kicked Tekes off campus, the House was a wreck... How did y'all survive that??"* **Frankly, it was, as you know, very difficult. A lot of Brothers ponied up to the bar with Cash, Time & Commitment. Our Brothers worked hard, opportunities availed, and we got very lucky.**

My question to you guys is: ***"Do you think they will believe the truth?"*** Telling them that the story starts with a couple of idiot active brothers who thought they could beat both ECU's Campus Administration and Teke National (in an anti-fraternity campus culture) and go "Old School." Really?? You are telling me that a couple of idiot brothers --*actually*-- thought they could violate Campus Rules on liquor, parties, kegs, (you name it) and no one in ECU's Campus Administration would catch on?? **No one is that dumb!** If so, one should be able to look up "idiot" in the New Harvard English Dictionary and find their pictures and story. While true, that is going to be one hard storyline to sell future generations.

Turn that page and then you start telling the story about how we leased the Teke House to a bunch of Sorority Girls – errr, Persons. How the heck could you do something as improbable as that? Of course, those new brother will have already heard the stories about the Ole House and its usual state of neglect, filth, disrepair, and it utterly lacked any of the amenities that a well to do sorority person will require. Nope, that dog don't hunt...

Okay, let's assume you could sell'em on the concept that somehow, we fixed the leaks, windows, doors, painted all of it, and did a rehab that added functioning Heating & AC... But, convincing future brothers that our dear old Teke House was leased to a sorority instead of it being converted for use as a Doggy Daycare Center seems pretty much science fiction... I mean, I was there when all of this happened, and it still seems "Other Worldly" to me. Maybe you can sell'em on all of the above but there is one final piece of that puzzle that pushes the story out of the scope of reality. Who, in their right mind, would believe that we got bank financing for those improvement and we are going to get the House back in 5 years -- paid-off--AND with money in our House Checking

are going to get the house back in 3 years — paid for — AND with money in our House Checking Account. You can imagine the “Do Do Do Do” music they’ll hear in their brains when that final piece is told. Dude, this ain’t Star Wars, it is the Teke House...

So, let’s be real/rational, **NO ONE IS GONNA BELIEVE THAT STORY!** It is just too improbable. Sorority Persons are too smart to lease our fraternity house and then give it back to us...



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May I suggest to each of you that we think long and hard about the “real” story and find another something far, far more plausible for future brother consumption... A Legend!

So, my Brothers, we have a unique opportunity to create our very own... *get ready for this...* a “**Verisimilitude Legend**”:

Verisimilitude: definition – It refers to the overall plausibility of a work of fiction in the context of “real life” in the “real world.”

***DUH, now that just what we need here, plausible fiction.***

In this context, Brothers, we have a chance to give our future Teke Brothers an explanation so created for its *verisimilitude*. *It is a simple, rational way to explain our unbelievable story.* Telling them we were, “Lucky” AND that we “negotiated” such a contract is just a waste of air. **Who is going to believe we found a cash rich sorority that paid us during a Pandemic while classes were suspended? NO ONE will believe that...** Hell, most of us can’t believe it and we just lived through it.

So, for the sake of our future brothers let me suggest the following “**Legend**”:

*“Due to our Chapter’s close relationship with the former President of the United State and Teke Brother, Ronald Reagan, Lambda Psi Chapter developed close ties with the CIA. Numerous Lambda-Psi brothers were secretly recruited and served there (now you know what happened to all those brothers who disappeared, never to be heard from again, after college). Fortunately, one such brother, who was in deep cover in China, alerted us to the likelihood of a pandemic at great possible personal cost. His timely alert allowed sufficient time for our Alumni Executive Team to plot leasing the House at such advantageous terms. Unfortunately, we cannot disclose the name of that esteemed brother due to his ongoing operations and a possible movie deal that is in the works... Then, give’em that, if I tell you any more you may be in danger look.*

**Now that dog hunts!**

Obviously, this Legend, is much more believable than, “*Duh, we were lucky I guess...*”

Lastly, my fellow Lambda-Psi Brothers, please share in this very happy thought... How often in our bid for higher education did we dream about our 951 East 10th Street bedrooms being filled with sorority girls... *err, persons?* For now, and for 3 more years, we can be certain that each bed in our trusty ole Teke House will be filled by or at least paid by a sorority person. Our long-awaited dreams and aspirations for 951 have finally come true!

The things we do for our beloved Country and Fraternity... Teke for Life!

YITB, Doc



## ALUMNI BOARD CONTACT INFO

The Lambda Psi Alumni Association Board is here to serve. We ask you to join us in re-building our chapter's foundation. It is easy to walk away, it is easy not risk failure, and it is easy to not be vulnerable. The new Lambda Psi experiment is underway and when thinking about what type of men we need for this journey, the following excerpt from a 1910 speech delivered in Paris, France by President Theodore Roosevelt comes to mind:

*"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."*

Reach out to anyone below to get involved. We need *more* strong hands to commit small actions so we can reach our large goal of building Lambda Psi into *the* premier ECU fraternity.

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