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# PHI KAPPA SIGMA

*Alpha Mu Alumni of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology*



Dear Brothers of Alpha Mu:

This new issue of *530 AM* is written by students who are happy to be back in the house, and it introduces you to a strong new pledge class. We are also happy to share some interesting new alumni correspondence. We hope you enjoy it.



## ΦΚΣ Back to In-Person Operations

Dear Phi Kap Brothers:

After a long hiatus, MIT and ΦΚΣ are back to in-person operations. On October 16, we had a Founders' Day celebration in the house, and we met our 14 pledges from the class of 2025. We also had a chance to view the results of the recent remodeling. The house is in great condition and though the shutdown did not stop many ways to get off the couch, the opportunity to do some much-needed improvements to the physical plant while nobody was living in the house. Bravo to Brother John Cloutier who managed the remodeling and who was a major force behind its successful completion.

While the recent shutdown was a difficult time for many, the recent letter from Brother Tom Cooper '47 puts some of this into perspective and is a reminder that every generation and time of life has its challenges. Brother Cooper's letter tells how brothers in the house heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor and some of the things that happened to his class

during World War II. I shared this letter with the active chapter during the Founders' Day celebration and I hope it gave our active brothers some perspective on how they fit into the flow of time.

I hope that you enjoy this issue of *530 AM* and that you will stay in touch with us by sharing your news and looking some of the interesting historical information on our website at [www.mitphi kap.org](http://www.mitphi kap.org). If you need a username and/or password to login, click on LOG IN on the website, which will give you links to register or reset your password if you need further help. For other website questions or suggestions, please contact Brother Tom Mikus '70 at [mikus@alum.mit.edu](mailto:mikus@alum.mit.edu).

Fraternally,

  
Keith T. Kallberg '68  
President

**We regret that this year's Honor Roll omitted the names of these generous donors: Steven Lam '12, Frank Lane '61, Phil Richardson '59, and Kenneth Wang '71. Thus, altogether, we are grateful to have received gifts from 83 loyal alumni.**

## Alpha Report



There's no place like home. After a 15-year-long hiatus, the brothers have settled into our beautiful home on 530 Beacon Street quite nicely. With already over 100 brothers living in the house, the brothers have been eager to move back in and create new lasting memories. While COVID-19 prevented the whole brotherhood from sharing the same roof together this past year, it brings me great pleasure to write this update from the comfort of my room, Crypt (formerly known as the Cryptatorium), with brothers surrounding me on every floor.

Following the extensive renovation work led by Trust Gamma, John Cloutier '06, the brothers could barely contain their excitement when they moved in. Being welcomed back to fresh paint, retiled bathrooms, refinished flooring, and a new carpet (among many other improvements) was amazing, especially after being away from

the house for so long. It should go without saying that none of these improvements would have been possible without the support of our gracious alumni who continue to give back their time and resources towards the betterment of our house. Thank you to all who have given back or stayed in touch. All the brothers as well as our new members are eager to connect with previous generations.

Over the past few months, brothers enjoyed an exciting and auspicious start to the academic year. Although only the first semester of the year has passed, living in the house has been a success. The transition back into the daily living routine here has gone pretty smoothly. Following a successful virtual spring rush last semester, our Rho, Shawn Monell '23, jumped into action to lead the house through its first in-person rush since 2019. Although this was Shawn's first in-person rush as a brother and Rho, he successfully (continued on page 2)

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