

T.D.S. Grant Proposal from Alpha Psi of Chi Psi

Repair of Custom Woodwork in Lodge Educational & Meeting Rooms

Alpha Psi Corp retained Good Step Stair & Millwork of Freeville, NY to make stairway repairs that were necessary for safe access to our meeting room and replace newels and missing balusters on the second floor stairways. The completed work demonstrated that Ken was a skilled carpenter, capable of millwork to repair our custom moldings in the Library and Great Room.

We are budgeting \$25,000 for an expanded project, based upon the following invoices and estimates, and hope to complete repairs before Reunion in June 2024:

- Invoice Jan 4 for completed work to stairways - \$7675.00
- Tooling and knives required to match custom woodwork - \$2500.00
- Preliminary estimate for repairs in Library and Great Room - \$15000.00
- **Projected Total Costs \$25,000 – Amount of TDS Grant Request \$10,000**

Qualification of Educational Expenses

While the majority of this work is for Lodge educational and meeting space, we can conservatively qualify for an Educational expense allocation. Total Lodge operating and maintenance expenses were \$150,000 in 2023, so the **grant request is less than 7%** of Lodge expenses. We do not plan other Lodge educational grants (beyond specific funding of our Live-in Advisor expenses).

From 2000 through 2016, the Alpha Psi of Chi Psi Educational Trust has made grants based upon a prior opinion letter designating **24.28% of space as Educational**. Alpha Psi Corp intends to update this evaluation with Fraternal Law later this year to provide uniform opinions for the Chi Psi Trust, and determine whether any adjustments will be required due to changes in the number of desks and use of TV monitors in common areas between bedrooms vs “computer monitors” that were used more exclusively for educational purposes.

Yours in the Bonds,

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