

Good Afternoon Gentlemen,

I hope you and your families are all staying healthy and occupied during this unique time of quarantine and virtual communication. COVID-19 has caused all of us to adapt in ways none of us expected, but here we are.

I am writing as your current Eminent Commander of Gamma Kappa with the desire to update all of you on how the chapter is carrying on. As all of you are transitioning to remote work and communication, so are we. As students we've been segued to virtual learning via Zoom classes and online coursework. The Gamma Kappa Headquarters was nearly emptied out following the President's order to quarantine and avoid group gatherings. As of now it's myself and a few other brothers that are still living on the compound. Thankfully no Gamma Kappas have tested positive for COVID-19, and by continuing to practice safe social distancing and quarantining, we hope to keep it that way.

We are greatly appreciative of the many people continuing to ensure the health of the remaining members on property. Our property manager took the time to equip hand sanitizer dispensers at the front door of all 5 buildings on the compound. Additionally, The Sink has continued providing us with meals, but switched to delivering take out boxes to practice social distancing. The Sink manager, Chris, frequently checks in to make sure we have toilet paper and other essentials. It goes without saying, we are in great hands in Boulder and very thankful for it.

Gamma Kappa continues to hold weekly chapter meetings on Mondays through Zoom. This has ensured that ritual and house business remains a part of our weekly routine. The exec board has also maintained a weekly meeting schedule so that our dialogue over chapter goals can progress.

Philanthropy and pledge candidacy have been the two proponents we want to continue building on while working remotely. As a solution to this, our philanthropy chairman, Ethan McKenzie, started a quarantine block clean-up challenge with a cash prize. Each member who participates records their service hours and reports them back to

Ethan, and the member with most hours at the end of April wins the prize. This was an excellent idea because it allowed Gamma Kappa members to improve their home communities while respecting national COVID-19 precautions. I encourage all of you to participate if your local governments allow it.

To keep the candidate process going, we have asked that the candidates hold meetings twice a week over Zoom so that they stay connected as a pledge class. We will complete the candidate process during the first three weeks of the 2020 fall semester if returning to classroom learning is permitted.

None of us predicted that quarantining was how the beginning of this year was going to be spent. But similar to what I told my chapter, this is a time to pick up a hobby, connect with your family, and call those close friends you've lost communication with over the years. I look forward to seeing all of you at our next Alumni weekend, and until then stay healthy and keep in touch.

Fraternally,

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