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Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Chairman
Special Alumni Committee
Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity
1100 Indiana Avenue
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

This is a rather tardy acknowledgment of your letter of December 8, in which you solicit funds for the purpose of refurnishing the home of Kansas Alpha. Your letter came while I was away from home and was laid aside. Inasmuch as I have nearly \$500.00 invested in the Kansas Alpha house, I rather question the advisability of solicitation of funds from the alumni for the purpose of refurnishing same. I would be much more enthusiastic over a campaign to raise money to pay off the encumbrance. What I would like to see is to have our chapter house at Kansas debt free.

It does seem to me that with a chapter running as large as Kansas Alpha has been for a number of years past that it should make enough profit on its operations to pay not only a reasonable rent but a regular amortization on the mortgage loan and have a sufficient surplus to renovate the house furnishings, etc., every few years. I can assure you that many chapters considerably smaller in numerical personnel than Kansas Alpha are doing this very thing.

However, I am always glad to "kick in" and attached you will find my check No. 1053 on the First National Bank of Mason City, Iowa, for the sum of \$15.00, and I am sure that the money will be well spent under your capable direction. Let me know some time how much you raise in this campaign.

Looking forward to seeing you some time within the near future, I am with very warm personal regards

Fraternally yours,

Chas. E. Strickland

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