



# Delt Sig Spartan “RENOVATION 2018” UPDATE # 2 – PROJECT ORIGINS 9.18.18



## ABNORMAL WEAR & TEAR

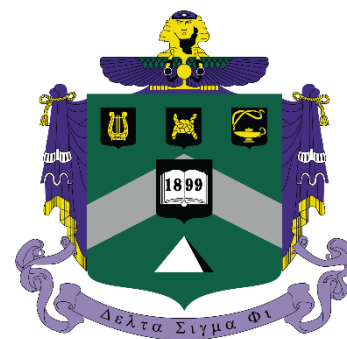
With the number of Initiated Brothers that have become Delt Sig Spartans soaring past 2,000+ members, our Chapter House has weathered wear and tear that would have destroyed a normal home. Combine our own numbers with the social nature of the Alpha Pi Chapter, and the thousands of Parents, Alumni, friends, Sororities and guests that come through our doors every year, and it's a minor miracle that our property stands at all.

## A LEGACY TO PROTECT

Since Les Belknap supervised the construction and completion of the Delt Sig Spartan Chapter House in 1932, Delta Sigma Phi has called 1218 E. Grand River home. Thankfully 'ol Les was a Delt Sig Spartan himself – and must have had the same “*if it's worth doin' – it's worth doin' RIGHT!*” attitude we champion today – because the foundation and bones of the Chapter House have – just like our Brotherhood – stood the test of time.

But time and usage still take their toll, and an 86-year-old Chapter House is constantly in need of repair, renovation and re-thinking. So when the ACB set out to evaluate large-scale renovation needs back in 2017, we didn't have to look far to see the many places where we could invest.

As the ACB evaluated potential renovation ideas over the last few years, we wanted focus on improvements that would have an immediate impact to the Undergraduate Chapter and Alumni networks.



## PRIORITIZING 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR RENOVATION

After recent projects that included removing the boiler and installing an HVAC system, building a patio out back, and replacing a leaky roof – we have already addressed many of the critical challenges that have plagued the Chapter for years.

After hearing grumbles from Alumni, Undergrads and Parents about the generally rough condition of the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, we decided to investigate further. In doing so, we realized that while the 1<sup>st</sup> floor wasn't necessarily falling apart – it *was* in bad shape and didn't live up to the image of excellence we want to promote.

We explored ideas for how to improve the look and usability of the six primary 1<sup>st</sup> Floor spaces (*Foyer, Chapter Room, Norm Potter Room, War Room, Bedrooms, Bathroom*) – with the intention of bringing back a first-class appearance that would match the majestic glory our Chapter has embodied for 95 years. When Undergrads, Parents, Alumni or prospective New Members walk through the front door after Renovation 2018 is complete – we want them to be blown away.

## WHERE TO BEGIN WHEN THE CHALLENGE IS MASSIVE?

The problem was identifying what *could* be done – and to consider which priorities should take precedent.

One question posed was: what to do with flooring? Multiple contractors have told us that the current (*original?*) wood flooring had already been sanded and refinished to a millimeter of its useful life – with some small holes even poking through to the dining room below.

Another challenge was to find better uses for the space we had. Was there a better way to use our available square footage to accomplish our goals?

These questions (*and hundreds more*) had to be thoroughly examined in order to properly plan and execute such a grand endeavor. We wanted to make sure that the end result was something that all Delt Sig Spartans young and old could be proud of.



## STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES

We look forward to providing more updates on Renovation 2018 in the coming days and weeks. In the meantime, be on the lookout for UPDATE #3, which will highlight the specific 1<sup>st</sup> Floor areas targeted for improvement. <https://www.msudeltsigspartanalumni.com/renovation-2018>



## JOIN US FOR RENOVATION 2018 UNVEILING & 95<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING

Join us as we formally unveil Renovation 2018 at our Homecoming Post-Game Alumni & Family Reception from 3:30-6:00 PM after the Northwestern football game on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018!

For more details on the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming Weekend Festivities, visit:

<https://www.msudeltsigspartanalumni.com/alumni-event-save-the-dates>

In the meantime, if you happen to be up in East Lansing tailgating on campus for the CMU (September 28<sup>th</sup>) or other football games this season – please let us know! The ACB would love to meet and catch up with a beer to celebrate our Delt Sig Spartan Brotherhood together! Contact ACB Director of Alumni Relations Cameron O'Neill to let us know where you plan to be on campus, [oneillcy@gmail.com](mailto:oneillcy@gmail.com), (517) 231-1012

Until then, **GO GREEN & HUPF!**

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