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"I will endeavor to retain
the spirit of youth"
~Sigma Chi Creed, George
Ade ΔΔ 1887

Centennial Date Passes With A Toast From the Brothers

Following the annual Alumni Golf Outing dinner and awards presentations held on June 9th, a number of the brothers sat out on the porch of the Delta Delta chapter house sipping on a beer and talking about past experiences they have had at 202 Littleton St.

One Brother Takes Notice

At some point an astute brother, noticing the cornerstone on the outside wall, commented that the next day, June 10, was 100 years since the original chapter house construction had been completed. Although slightly weathered from exposure to the elements, the cornerstone sat as a discreet reminder of the contributions of the brothers, led by George Ade, whose efforts a century ago were literally breaking new ground by building the first fraternity house at Purdue.



Original Chapter House Cornerstone dated June, 10, 1912.

A Storied Legacy

George Ade, John T. McCutcheon, Bennett Taylor, Clarence Bivens and others built a chapter house that would stand the test of time and become one of the most storied chapter houses in fraternity lore. I have to believe that when the plans for the Delta Delta Chapter House were first drawn up, George Ade and the others greatest hope was that this house would be the home to many future generations of Sigma Chi's. That long after Ade and his contemporaries entered Chapter Eternal, the spirit of Sigma Chi would continue to flourish in each young man who passed through the front doors at 202 Littleton Street.

A Fitting Toast

As those on the porch that evening raised our glasses to toast what this chapter house had come to represent to so many, and to thank those who led the charge back in 1912, I couldn't help but think that Brother Ade was looking down on us with a martini in his hand saluting the many wonderful memories that this grand fraternity house had been party to over the past 100 years.

~Phil Steele Delta Delta '77



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