New Housing Policy

Freedoms

* Keys to the house will be given to all elected officers, as well as the Social Chair, and there will be a spare key on either side of the suites.
  + This now means that, including the ones belonging to the housemates, there will be 15 (over 1/3 of th e brotherhood) keys available to be used/borrowed to gain access to the house.
  + Not everyone will be receiving a key because, quite frankly not everyone can be trusted with a key, and 34 keys are simply unnecessary. We figured that those who can be trusted to run the fraternity can be trusted to be responsible for a key.
* A more “frat house” mindset in general. This means that this will now be thought of less as a house that some brothers are renting, but more as fraternal pace for brother to come and go as they please.
  + Brothers will be welcome to bring their friends as they please and use items like the TV and pong tables, as well as sleep on the couches whenever they like.
  + The house will be available for events to be thrown without opposition from the housemates.

Rules

* Bedrooms are still private space, and not open to the fraternity. You must obtain permission of the brother staying in the room to enter.
* When no housemate is currently in the house, you may not bring strangers in to the house without first asking, and receiving, permission from one of them.
  + This means anyone who is not a brother, a girlfriend (or boyfriend), or a well-established friend of the fraternity (eg Andrew Mallen, Danie Bendesky, Mike Robin, Aya Mariner, etc).
    - Use your best judgment, be realistic, and don’t push it.
* Anyone who borrows a key is responsible for returning that key to the person or place that they borrowed it from within 24 hours.
* Anyone who loses a key will be responsible for paying for a replacement key and may lose their housing freedoms and/or key.
* While brothers are welcome at any time of day/night, you must be respectful of those living there.
  + This mainly means, but is not limited to, being quite if housemates are attempting to sleep or study.
* Any brother accused of violating any of the above rules, abusing their freedoms, or misusing/mistreating the house will be brought to standards and may lose their housing freedoms and/or key.

Expenses

* The fraternity will pay for the initial 9 copies of the house key to be made.
* The fraternity will pay for 20% of the utilities during school months.
  + During school months the entire fraternity uses electricity and water from the house at some point or another.
  + Mainly, parties and mixers use a huge amount of water and electricity, and these events are thrown by the brotherhood as a whole, not the housemates.
* While any one brother will still be held responsible for paying for any damages that he causes, in cases where damages arise that need timely repair (eg. a broken window) but the guilty party cannot be pinpointed (eg. we all blacked out) the fraternity will pay for the damage.
* The fraternity will reimburse the housemates for any lost security deposit at the end of the year.
  + Most of the damages to the house are done by the fraternity at as a whole at events, or random people at parties, not the housemates.
  + If the security deposit is not lost, then no reimbursement will occur.

Housing Committee

* A new housing committee will be formed that will be in charge of use and care of the house, and will work in tandem with standards when ruling on housing policy violations.
* The Housing Committee will consist of the House Manager (who must be a housemate), the Suites Manager (who must be a suitemate) and a member of the fraternity not residing in either the house or suites, and will be selected by the Master.
  + This is to ensure that neither fraternal living space can gain power over the committee (eg. the housemates can’t just force all events to be in the suites by saying the house is being mistreated, because they just don’t want to deal with them).