

# Phi Arrow

## Spring 2016





# ALUMNI CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## INSIDE THE ARROW



# State of the Active Chapter

Greetings Brothers of Phi Chapter,

I pray that you and your family are of good health and enjoying life. On behalf of the Alumni Council, I extend to each of you an invitation to attend this year's Pig Banquet on April 2nd. I am requesting that you invite at least two other brothers to come with you. Exciting things are happening at Phi, the plans for the renovation are finalized, the fund raising effort is approaching 1.3 million, and construction will start this spring. This will be the last Pig Banquet where you will see the house interior as you remember it. Contact your old roommates and meet them at the house on April 2nd to reminisce. The brotherhood of Phi Chapter lasts a lifetime. This past year I have had the opportunity to re-connect with many brothers I have not seen or heard from in 46 years. It has been a tremendous blessing. I urge each of you, while you are still able, to take advantage of this opportunity to come together on April 2nd. Together we will create memories to last us for years to come.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
David J. Hynek '69 Alumni Council President

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Hello from Phi Chapter!

We hope this past holiday season was filled with happiness and joy. I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to attend the 99th Anniversary Pig Banquet. This year's celebration will be held on April 2, 2016. Lunch will be served at noon at the chapter house with an alumni meeting on fourth floor following the festivities. As always, we welcome alumni to stop by the house any time and let us show you how "The House That Brotherhood Built" is our home.

Fall rush was an exciting time and brought us 19 initiates and we reached 2000 members. Already, they are highly involved with house operations and are eager to take over the reigns. Recruiting men on campus that exemplify our ideals comes naturally when so many actives possess the characteristics necessary for a top tier fraternity. Our academics finished strong with a chapter GPA of 3.107, ranking fourth overall within our 15 Fraternities and Sororities on campus. With an active chapter roster totaling 75 men, we take pride in our presence on campus, and are delighted with the 31 men currently living in-house.

On an International level, Theta Chi Fraternity is in an amazing state. With 155 active chapters we are charging full speed into a bright future. During the 2016 Inaugural Sasser Presidents Conference, International Headquarters launched the "Resolute Man" achievement. This award will allow undergraduates to have a continued involvement on their campus and in their community. IHQ also launched a rebranding of the fraternity logos and fonts. While our traditional symbols and signatures, such as the coat of arms, will remain, these new visual standards help bring us into the 21st century.

This past summer I had the pleasure of representing Phi Chapter at the 4th annual Initiative Academy. During this event Phi Chapter was awarded with the Phil S. Randall Award for success in recruitment. We also took home the Chapter Achievement Award for the 2014-2015 school year. As a chapter we are looking forward to our annual Mid-Year Leadership Conference, hosted by the Gamma Tau Chapter at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Last year we had 23 actives attend and are anticipating matching our attendance this year. This summer is also

the 160th Anniversary Convention & 37th School of Fraternity Practices, taking place in Atlanta, Georgia. These nationally held events are a great way to meet brothers from across the country and learn how to improve our chapter operations.

Our alumni continue to be the support we need. This year we elected recent alumnus, Ryan Buetow, as our Faculty Advisor. He helps and supports us in all necessary aspects on campus. I would also like to thank all those that have contributed to the Centennial Campaign. With your donations, the dream of renovating our beloved house is coming true. I encourage everyone to attend this year's Pig Banquet, challenge others in your pledge class to attend, and take a walk through the house one last time before the renovation begins this summer.

Fraternally,  
Michael Thordson 1931 Φ  
Active Chapter President





# Alumni Council Treasurer Update

Hello fellow alumni! This year has been a busy time for the alumni counsel and Phi Now campaign committee. Financing for the renovation project has been secured through Bell State bank and we are planning to review construction bids this spring.

In 2015 we have received \$9,357 for the Theta Chi for Life campaign. Cumulative donations to Theta Chi for Life since the year 2000 now total \$130,720. Thank you to everyone that has been participating in this great program!

As of the time of this writing, the total amount pledged to the Phi Now campaign is currently \$1,272,806. The total donations we have received is currently \$664,651; of that amount \$403,162 has been given direct to the chapter and \$261,489 to the foundation. A huge thank you goes out to all of our donors for their generosity!

I hope to see all of you at Pig Banquet on April 2nd, this will be your last chance to see the house pre-renovation. If you have any questions about our current campaigns or would like to talk to me about donation options you can reach me at 701-367-0471.

Go Bison!

Jason Gates

## PhiNow Campaign

Hello Brothers,

I hope this edition of the Arrow finds you well! It has been a productive and exciting year-end for the fraternity. As of February 1st, 275 brothers have pledged \$1,273,706 to the PhiNow centennial campaign! Your generosity, along with the hard work of the many individuals involved with the campaign, has brought us to this point. I want to give a heart-felt thank you to everyone who has participated in some way in the PhiNow campaign, whether that was a financial commitment or a commitment to assist the campaign with your time and talents.

However - by no means is this the finish line for our campaign. As we prepare to begin construction in the summer of 2016, we must continue to reach out to our brothers and invite them to be a part of the second century of Theta Chi. I will be working with our campaign volunteers to finalize a list of our alumni who have not been personally invited to participate in our Centennial Campaign and celebration. I will be asking for an "assisting hand" as I reach out to brothers who maybe haven't been back to our home in several decades. I will require your assistance in the form of contact information or a personal phone call to a brother. Please consider our oath to lend an Assisting Hand as we endeavor toward our goals for the PhiNow campaign!

Be sure to check out the newly redesigned [www.phionline.org](http://www.phionline.org) to view more information about the campaign, about our 99th and 100th Anniversary Pig Banquets, as well as other information pertaining to the chapter.

Thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do, to make Theta Chi an unparalleled positive experience for men at NDSU.

Fraternally,  
Cory Loveless



# Theta Chi Experiences with Matt Hildreth

Hello everyone! My name is Matt Hildreth and I am a recent alumni. A little background on myself. I am originally from Virginia, MN which is a small town in northern Minnesota. I decided to come out to NDSU to study civil engineering and graduated in May of 2015. Currently I am working full time for a civil engineering firm in West Fargo as a Graduate Engineer in their water resources department. This position allows me to take a part in the ongoing effort to bring flood control to the F-M area. I recently got married on January 2nd, 2016 and it was a blast! Many of my brothers in the fraternity made the trek to St. Michael, MN to help us celebrate of which I am very thankful. My wife's name is Taylor and she is going to graduate in May of 2016 with a degree in strategic communication. Her and I met on the very first day of being on the NDSU campus, started dating a few months later and the rest is history. She is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority and is very involved on the NDSU campus. We went to the Dominican Republic for our honeymoon and then reluctantly came back to the cold tundra of Fargo.

Since I have graduated I have said on many occasions that joining Theta Chi was one of the best decisions of my college career.

The friends I made, the experiences I had and the lessons I learned would have been much different if I had not joined. After having classes with some active members and visiting the house I knew that the next fall I had to join so, in the fall of 2013 I became a member of Theta Chi. This allowed me to take up leadership positions in the house and taught me the skills to take up positions elsewhere on the NDSU campus also. It taught me the values of brotherhood, the respect of history and tradition along with the appreciation of the community we live in.



## \$1.9 MILLION CAMPAIGN DONOR ROSTER

Amount Pledged/Gifted to date: \$1,273,706  
Total Contributors: 275  
Percent Collected: 35.0%

Amount Collected to date: \$664,521  
Percent Pledged: 67.0%  
Percent of Brothers: 23.2%



### Founders Club \$250,000+

Number of Gifts Needed: 1 (3 naming opps)  
Number of Gifts to date:

### Resolute Men Club \$100,000 - \$249,999

Number of Gifts Needed: 2 (4 naming opps)  
Number of Gifts to date:

### Ruby Eye Club \$50,000 - \$99,999

Number of Gifts Needed: 6 (12 naming opps)  
Number of Gifts to date: 3  
Tom R. Bang Family  
+ Ryon Boen '94  
Steven Letnes '73φ

### Living the Motto Club \$25,000-\$49,999

Number of Gifts Needed: 12 (28 naming opps)  
Number of Gifts to date: 11  
+ Dennis Agnew '99φ  
+ Rick '71 and Janette Bureshφ  
John Cook '70  
Stan Dardis '71  
+ Jon Dickson '00φ  
Robert '77φ and Roger Gjellstad '72φ  
Gene Jackson '71φ  
Brian Larson '91φ  
+ Michael '06, Adam '06 & Eric Larson '09φ  
+ J & C McInnes Inc. '76φ  
+ Dave '71, Doug '96, Collin '99, Eric '02, & + Patrick '05 Millerφ

### Crossed Swords Club \$10,000 - \$24,999

Number of Gifts Needed: 30  
Number of Gifts to date: 23  
Ronald A. Anderson '66  
Rod Baker '80  
Jerry Bucholz '67  
+ Steven Erbstoesser '73φ  
+ Brian Fjosne '69φ  
Douglas Fossum '88  
Scott Fournier '98  
+ Russ Handegard '72φ  
+ David J. Hynek '69φ  
Fred J. Hynek '67φ  
Timothy D. Hynek '75, '78φ  
Curtis Lesmeister '85φ  
Kelly Linster '91φ  
Steve Miller '87  
Mike Morrissey '62, '65φ  
+ John T. Nordgaard '74, '76φ  
Richard Ruud '71φ  
+ Robert C. Stein '69φ  
+ Roger Steiner '70  
Brad Westrum '72  
+ Dale Wunderlich '81φ  
+ Dennis Wunderlich '82φ  
Anonymous

### Rattlesnake Club \$5,000 - \$9,999

Number of Gifts Needed: 50  
Number of Gifts to date: 47  
Bryon Amble '00φ  
Michael Anderson '05  
Eric Bartsch '99φ  
Kevin Biberdorf '02\*  
Ben Buresh '06\*  
Shawn M. Carlson '04  
+ Bernie Dardis '75  
Helmuth Froeschle '41φ

### Rattlesnake Club cont'd

Larry Fuglesten '68φ  
Jason Gates '02φ  
+ Peter Gates '07φ  
+ Gregory Gebeke '76  
Brian Gerbig '71φ  
Jim Gompf '51φ  
Jack Haines '86φ  
+ Jim Hardwick '87φ  
Troy Hedberg '97φ  
+ Kevin Helland '11φ  
Tyler Hill '15φ  
Clarence Holloway '72φ  
+ Craig Johnson '75φ  
+ Rodney G. Johnson '70  
Kyle Kemmet '98φ  
Dr. William Kranzler '65φ  
+ Daniel Kvasnicka '14  
Cory Loveless '12φ  
Jerrold N. Mayer '76φ  
Don McAdoo '98  
Randy Morris '71φ  
Mike Odegaard '93φ  
Francis '37 and Thomas '70φ Osborne  
John D. Reed '70φ  
Chuck Rhode '68  
Andy Rodgers '99  
Gary Rosevold '67  
Brian Ross '70φ  
E. Rick Schlenker '73φ  
Charles Simonson '71φ  
David Skjervén '71  
Lee Sorenson '69  
Brad Thompson' 92  
James C. Thompson '72  
Derek Tossett '95φ  
Ryan Westgard '77φ  
+ Mark Williamson '88φ  
+ Richard Wollenberg '68φ  
David Wolter '65φ

### Phi Club \$1,917 - \$4,999

Number of Gifts Needed: 175  
Number of Gifts to date: 71  
Percy Amble '64  
Mark D. Anderson '91φ  
Dave Backlund '72φ  
Paul Backlund '78φ  
Thomas Beck '88φ  
Dave Berg '83φ  
Rocky Bertsch '75φ  
+ Kyle Blake '89φ  
Courtney Borman '95  
Ryan Buetow '13φ  
+ Nicholas Bullinger '09φ  
Brian Buresh '04φ  
Kent Carlson '77φ  
+ Alan Christianson '72φ  
Craig Cumings '71φ  
Kenneth L. Dalsted '70  
Richard Danielson '74φ  
Peter DeMuth '08φ  
+ Michael Ehresmann '03φ  
James Foltz '11φ  
Donald Fougner '70φ  
Douglas Gasal '82  
Paul Gienger '01φ  
Joel Gifford '08φ

### Phi Club cont'd

Bob Goetz '69  
Bob '71 and Helen Grantφ  
Duane Grippe '90φ  
Kim Gutenkunst '77  
N. Scott Halvorson '72φ  
Brian Hankel '88  
Bradley Haugen '80  
Jeffrey D. Haugen '76φ  
Gary R. Hendrickson '82  
Timothy Hoke '98  
Adam Homelvig '96φ  
Mark Jackson '74  
Bob Johnson '79φ  
David Jones '76φ  
Lawson Jones '72  
Jacob Ladenthin '15φ  
Jamie Livingston '98φ  
Calvin Loken '62φ  
+ Michael Loughheed '05  
Aaron Miller '93φ  
Ronald Miller '70φ  
Eric Mogen '91  
Steven Morris '74φ  
+ Glenn Mueller '71  
Gus Mueller '69φ  
+ Robert Neubauerφ  
Ron Nichols '66φ  
Don Nordquist '74  
Douglas Olsen '81  
Larry Olson '89φ  
Troy Olson '86φ  
+ Erik Peterson '03φ  
Terry Reed '72  
Aaron Reinholz '91φ  
Gaylen Rosenau '90φ  
Guy Rolfsrud '96φ  
Clint Severance '98φ  
Ryan N. Severance '02  
John Sherven '00  
Lloyd Smith '65  
Lloyd Sorenson '67φ  
Mike Sprenger 90φ  
Darrell Tuntland '64  
Robert Tweten '72φ  
Dennis Vonasek '88φ  
Larry Westrum '71  
Ben Zeltinger '02φ

### Centennial Club \$1,000 - \$1,916

Number of Gifts Needed: 100  
Number of Gifts to date: 42  
Scott Allen '09φ  
James Amann '65  
Patrick Artz '94φ  
Darren Bartsch '91φ  
+ Rodney Bertsch '69  
Gregory Binkley '70  
Erich Bittle '10φ  
Gary Burau '63  
Bradley Buresh '95  
William Burnett '65  
Alan Edwardson '91φ  
Mel Faulk '68φ  
Dick Fraser '70φ  
Centennial Club cont'd  
Benjamin Frick '10φ  
Ryan Goodman '01φ

### Centennial Club cont'd

Pete Grundstad '74φ  
Bob Haines '84φ  
Lt. Col. Paul J. Helt '86φ  
Dennis Huber '62φ  
Dean Kelsch '66φ  
Shane Kokinos '14φ  
Roger Kolden '69φ  
Curtis Lee '91φ  
Eric Moberg '96φ  
Andrew Muehlberg '13φ  
David A. Mueller '82φ  
Maynard Murch '73φ  
Rick Nelson '70φ  
Rodney Nett '72φ  
Joey Pahl '15φ  
Christopher Schauer '97  
Dan Skarsgard '74  
Christopher St. Amantφ  
Carter Stenberg '70φ  
Al Streifel '86φ  
Les Swindler '70φ  
Mike "Toby" Tobias '94φ  
Mark Vanderlinde '11φ  
Terry Wilner '67φ  
Trent Young '66φ  
Anonymous  
IvyPartnersφ

### \$500-\$999

Number of Gifts Needed: Many  
Number of Gifts to date: 26  
Zachary Bullinger '11φ  
Karl Corrigan '93φ  
Kenneth Dahl '68  
Dane Ekdomeφ  
Michael Goos '79  
Todd Grapp '90  
Mike Hacanson '00φ  
Gerald Hicks '66φ  
Jack Hintz '80φ  
Jim Huettl '67  
Michael R. Larson '68  
Brett Loftesnes '89  
Glen Masset '89φ  
Rome Mickelson '55φ  
Jon Norstog '91φ  
Marshal Olson '01φ  
David Osman '70φ  
Trevor Quigley '04  
Thomas Reinarts '66  
Shannon Schlecht '98  
Ron Schlieman '68  
Jake Stenzel '09  
Mark Thompson '67  
Pat Wetsch '74φ  
\$500-\$999 cont'd  
James Wilhelm '62φ  
Rick Wilson '08φ

### \$50-\$499

Number of Gifts Needed: Many  
Number of Gifts to date: 26  
Jerry Berg '65  
Gary Berreth '66  
Travis Dagman '04  
Mark Dittmer '88φ  
John Hoffman

# Donor Roster Cont'd

### \$50-\$499 cont'd

Michael Erbstoesser '70φ  
Dave Foley '62φ  
Robert Hausmann '57  
Gary Heise '67φ  
Robert M. Hendrickson '66φ  
Terrence Johnson '64  
Gordon Kartenson '50φ  
Ronald Kochevar '61φ  
Bill Marcks '64φ  
+ Ryan McDonald '13  
DC Murphy '53φ  
Kerry Murphy '57φ  
Christopher Nicolai '97  
Matthew Olson '03φ  
James Selland '67φ  
Keith Snortland '72φ  
Joel Stokeland '95φ  
Chris Tremel '99φ  
Dale Van Berkom '61  
Elmer Wald '71φ  
Arvid Winkler '64φ

### Theta Chi for Life Annual Donors

Dan Adamietz '11  
James Clysdale '11  
Bill Flaget '71  
David Goetz '04  
Roger Grant '71  
Joseph Heruth  
Alex Hoffman  
Eric Lembke '98  
Steve Link '99  
Sandeep Loi '11  
John Lynch  
Chris Matteson  
Jeremy Mueller '04  
Kyle Sebesta  
Joey Spect  
Neil Thomas '68

### Tribute Gifts

Honor both living and deceased brothers. Once donation(s) reach the \$1,917 threshold as indicated by ^, names will be permanently recognized on a plaque in the Music Room.  
Lynn Anderson '57  
Jamie Nettum  
Tom Bang '72  
Roger Gjellstad'72  
Russ '69 and Kyle Handegard  
Brent Bartsch '87  
Dave Miller'71  
Gary Bjella '65  
David Wolter '65  
Jeremy R. Bucholz '98  
Jerry Bucholz '67  
Larry Bucholz '83  
Jerry Bucholz '67  
Clarence Holloway '72^  
Richard Danielson '74  
Roger Gjellstad '72  
Russ '69 and Kyle Handegard  
Dave Hynek '69  
Tim Hynek '75, '78,  
Dwight "Dewey" Kautzmann '68  
Dave Hynek '69  
Dave Miller '71

### Tribute Gifts cont'd

Craig Kubik '70  
Roger Gjellstad '72  
Dave Miller '71  
Paul Lee' 70  
Roger Gjellstad '72  
Russ '69 and Kyle Handegard  
Randy Morris '71  
Richard Danielson '74  
Roger Gjellstad '72  
Russ '69 and Kyle Handegard  
Dave Miller '71  
Lee Sorenson '69  
Greg Starleaf '74  
Roger Gjellstad '72  
Dave Miller '71  
Roger Sullivan '73  
Roger Gjellstad '72  
Roger Steiner '70  
Roger Gjellstad '72  
Dave Miller '71  
Edmund K. Tyson '55  
Dawn Tyson

*All gifts and pledges of \$1,917 or more to the 5-year Phi Now campaign will be permanently recognized at the chapter house. (+) in front of a donor's name indicates they are both a Theta Chi for Life and Phi Now donor. (Φ) indicates a direct gift to the chapter that can be used immediately to offset project expenses. (\*) indicates a matching gift. Donor roster is organized alphabetically by last name, then by graduation year.*





# Pig Banquet 2016

# Editor's Note

2016 Pig Banquet, 4/2/16

Please complete and remit to:

Theta Chi Alumni  
P.O. Box 5767  
Fargo, ND 58105

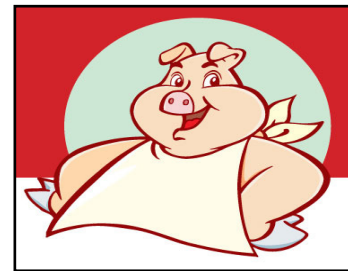
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No. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Meal \$35 / Person.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Donation Opportunities

Theta Chi For Life.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Scholarship Fund.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Alumni Council.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount**.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_



To pay with a credit card, go to: <http://phionline.org/pig-banquet/> and use the "Buy Now" paypal button. \*You do not need to be a Paypal member to use this service.

## Friday:

Meet at Chub's Pub & Package Place to reconnect with brothers and socialize beginning in the early evening.

## Saturday:

There will be a social hour at the chapter house beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The traditional Pig Banquet Luncheon will begin at 12:00 p.m.

The Annual Alumni Chapter Meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m.

The Social Hour at the Avalon Event Center West will begin at 5:00 p.m., with the Meal at 6:00 p.m.

The Avalon is located at (2525 9th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103).

Visit <http://phionline.org/pig-banquet/> for more information.

This is a very busy year for Theta Chi Phi Chapter! With renovations and Pig Banquet coming up, a lot is in store for our Fraternity. Summer is quickly coming up and I'm sure we are all excited for the nice weather (although this winter was actually pretty nice!) I look forward to meeting a lot of Phi Chapter alumni in their last opportunity to see the house before it gets completely renovated. Be sure to come to Pig Banquet to see alumni and actives and we can celebrate the great history of Phi Chapter.

I am currently in my third year at NDSU and I joined my freshman year in Spring 2014. Time flies and I can't believe that I will be graduating soon! I love hearing the stories of everyone involved with organizations around NDSU and the United States. This is my first year as editor and it has been very exciting and will be useful for my future. With that, I hope you have a great spring and an even better year!

Fraternally,  
Thomas Robinson 1938 Φ





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