

Fall 2022

The Phi Arrow

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Join us for Pig Banquet 2022

Pig Banquet is a time to celebrate the founding of Theta Chi annually with brothers from Phi chapter. Get the prices for this year and register for the banquet.

Chapter Updates

The latest reports from the Alumni Council President and the Active Chapter President

Homecoming

Homecoming is a great way for Greek Communities to come together and grow their relations. The Phi Chapter's social circle continues to grow.

Philanthropy Events

Our primary successful philanthropy event of the semester, our Haunted House raised over \$1,000 for the USO.

Scholarship

With our Scholarship Chairmen recently making its return to a major exec position, there are bound to be changes to our scholarship journey. With these changes, come changes to the way the chapter views grades.

Fall 2022 Recruitment

Recruitment is the most important part of growing our fraternity, it gets new blood into our brotherhood which come with different ideas and backgrounds. The chapter continues its history of having a 20+ fall pledge class.

Washington Convention

Read about the experience of the Washington Convention from the point of view of one of the actives who attended.

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Active Chapter President Update

The Phi Chapter of NDSU currently has 64 active members as of this Fall Semester of 2022, 32 of which live in the house. The chapter has had another great year of recruitment and in 2022 alone we added 27 men to our brotherhood. The success in recruitment led us to be awarded the Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award by the nationals of Theta Chi. As the chapter continues the momentum from this past year, the new actives bring a fresh and positive mindset to the chapter and are excited for all Theta Chi has to offer.

Last Fall of 2021, our newly elected Executive Team set goals for the chapter including philanthropy, scholarship, and becoming more social with other Greek Organizations and Campus itself. In the year of 2022, the chapter has exceeded these goals thereby creating opportunities for the next Executive Team to work off what the previous started. For philanthropy, we have continued and improved upon some of our classic events. For the Spring, we hosted Tacos N Tunes and this Fall, we turned our Chapter House into a haunted house. Both of these major events were highly attended and brought in at or above our target goal for money raised for the USO. Scholarship programming was very successful this semester. The move from the position being a minor executive to a major executive proved to impact the chapter tremendously. The chapters GPA rose and the chapter's attitude towards grades have never been more serious. Lastly for our

Greek Community and Chapter outreach, we had multiple socials with almost all the Greek Organizations on campus and the chapter went to homecoming with Kappa Alpha Theta. Unfortunately we did not win Homecoming this year, however we had a blast and won judges choice at the lip sync contest at the High School Musical themes pep rally. We continue to get our name out on campus with 100% of actives in a club or organization on campus outside of Theta Chi.

It has been a great year with brothers and everyone in the chapter has stepped up to the plate to keep our chapter healthy and thriving. In my three years of being an active member, this is the strongest I have seen our brotherhood, the most full and lively I have seen the house, and the most focused group of guys on their academics and careers. I have full trust in the new Executive Team coming in December and that this chapter will continue to thrive and keep doing amazing things.

L&R,

Gaven Nelson
Φ 2078



Alumni Council President Update

As we transition once again into another school year, I can't contain my enthusiasm for our dear old Phi Chapter. There are a lot of positive things happening with the Active Chapter, both in terms of membership as well as a significant number of Theta Chi Legacies. In one word—momentum!

After a couple of years without due to the Covid pandemic, we were finally able to hold a Pig Banquet this past spring. As always, it was great to connect with alumnus brothers from all generations. As a bonus, the level of engagement and excitement that the active chapter brought to the event was off the charts. The implementation of “designated drivers” to transport alumni to and from hotels and the house was a great idea and much appreciated by many alumni.

Pig Banquet 2023 is now scheduled. The event will be held April 1st, 2023. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn, and this will also be the location of the Saturday evening dinner. We've used this venue before, and we feel this facility's layout best optimizes the ability of our alumni of all ages to easily connect throughout the weekend.

One of the best moments for me last year was seeing brothers from my era that I probably hadn't seen for close to twenty years. Thus, I am challenging all of you to not only get yourselves there but help to get some

others there as well. Let's build on the momentum of the Active Chapter and make Pig Banquet 2023 the place to be!

Fraternally,

Mike Barsness

Φ 1347



Homecoming

Fall on campus is always a wonderful time at North Dakota State University, and one of the events that encapsulates that energy is Homecoming. It is a time where both students and alumni can come together as one and watch the bison brutally defeat whoever they are up against. Phi Chapter showed it's best during Homecoming 2022, from the alumni tailgates to the parade floats, homecoming was a great time to be a Theta Chi at NDSU.

The active chapter spent most of the week doing activities with our 2022 Homecoming partner: Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. We themed this year's festivities with a throwback to the past in *Top Gun*. We started out the week with banner painting where we got together and tried to replicate the movie poster. Tuesday we mostly focused on building the float and planning the lip sync skit we were performing on Thursday. Wednesday we participated in Bison Trivia Night where we placed second and ended the night with a bonfire social. Thursday was the day we got to perform our skit we have been preparing all week. We performed our own rendition of "Fabulous" from *High School Musical*. Active James Jacobs carried the group to victory with his performance as Sharpay as we won the judges vote for the competition. Friday was the final day of

the homecoming competition where we had our aircraft carrier float place third in the homecoming parade. After the float we had our formal with Kappa Alpha Theta and we completed our homecoming activities for the week.

Saturday brought the alumni activities starting with the tailgate. Actives and alumni celebrated homecoming by having great food and a great time at several tailgating spots. Everyone got to enjoy the bison dominate Youngstown State at the Fargodome. After the game, everyone came back to the house and ate some barbecue, chatted with brothers, and got to tell old stories.

L&R,

Tyler Specht
Φ 2107



Haunted House Philanthropy Event

We turned our Chapter House into a haunted house for the first time last October. However this year we decided to focus primarily on our haunted house philanthropy event and turn it into our main event of the fall semester. The haunted house was a two-day event with each day being five hours. The day before the event, the active chapter with the help of the incoming pledge class decorated the entire house with webs, fake blood, and other ideas from the brothers. The Public Relations chair was brought in to help plan and run the haunted house to make it the best it could be. With both the Philanthropy and Public Relation committees combined, the chapter had everything ready to go the day of the haunted house.

The first day started off slow with only ten people coming through in the first two hours. The chapter was a little concerned but we believed it was start to pick up. In the next three hours 98 people came through the haunted house. Mason Elits, the 2022 Philanthropy Chair, sat at the end of the haunted house to ask them how it went and he stated "I got nothing but glowing reviews from everyone who went through.

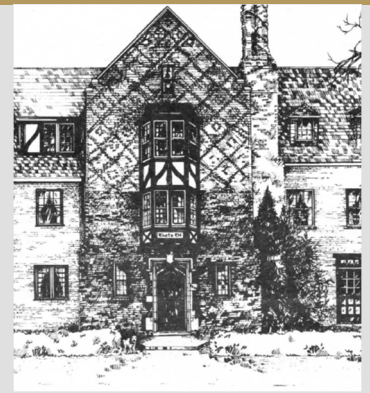


Some were too scared to even talk, and they rushed out of the house." The second day of the haunted house was more or less the same.

The haunted house was a great success. We had over 200 people come through and raised over \$2000 for the USO. It was a great event for the chapter and the new pledge class to get behind. The pledge class made this event their pledge class philanthropy event and they showed up in force. The haunted house would not have had the turnout it did without their help. Mason Elits also stated "I see this year as a steppingstone for the haunted house to keep getting better every year. This will be a great event for this fraternity for years to come."

L&R,

Mason Elits
Φ 2088



House Projects

Repainting Bathroom Showers

Paint above showers was chipping and drywall began to show. Showers were sanded and repainted.

Restriping Parking Lot

Repainted parking lot lines that had begun to fade.

Repainting North Stairwell

Paint was badly chipping on many landings and steps in north stairwell. The stairs were stripped, sanded, and primed. Project will be completed once the correct paint is in stock.

Trophy Case Glass Replaced

Glass had been damaged from pool balls. Was replaced by Fargo Glass and Paint.

Doors Repaired

Many doors have had difficulties latching and begun to drag on the floor due to the house shifting. The doors are currently getting repaired by Central Door and Hardware.

Pig Banquet Costs

\$40 for actives

\$60 for alumni and significant



“Alma Mater First” | Scholar ball

With the recent change of Scholarship Chairmen from a minor executive position to a major executive position there has been a lot of changes and innovation regarding the position. This year the Scholarship Chairmen, Dylan Stradling created a way for people to get excited about school and their grades. As the scholarship chairmen, it is his duty to promote a culture of putting academics first. In order to do that, he has created a scholarship competition in the format of fantasy football. Active members are drafted into one of six teams and as a team it is their goal to score as many points in a two week span as they can to defeat the opposing team. A team scores points by submitting their grade of either a C or higher on tests, quizzes, homework, and assignments. For example an A on a test is

worth 20 points, a B is 15 points, and so on. The winning team gets a variety of prizes that encourages them to participate including one month of no house jobs and a pizza party. Added alongside the prizes for the winning team, the active member who submits the most scholar ball points receives a \$50 gift card to a place of his choice. Scholar ball has proven a great way to get members excited about grades with a majority of the chapter participating. The competitive atmosphere encourages actives to focus and put more effort into their academics than they would without it.

L&R,

Dylan Stradling
Φ 2082

National Washington Convention

This summer, the 166th national Theta Chi convention was held in Washington DC. Phi Chapter has 5 active members attend the convention with an alumni delegate, Kelly Linster (Φ1341). We had the opportunity to sit on different seminars held by various alumni and members of the Grand Chapter that ranged from leadership, self-understanding, and learning more about Theta Chi Fraternity as a whole. There would be large banquets and ceremonies that took place each day of the convention where they announced winners of different awards and honors. At the convention, the Phi Chapter took home a chapter achievement award. While we were at the convention we also experienced the Grand Chapter elections with the new Grand Chapter President, Vice President, and other positions being announced. On the third day of the convention, every Theta Chi

in attendance helped the USO by creating bags that soldiers would take with them before they got deployed. During our free time at the convention, we had the opportunity to tour our nation's capital, see every monument, and experience the night life in D.C. During our time at the convention we learned how to make our chapter the best it can be and has one of the best experiences a member of Theta Chi could have.

L&R,

Dylan
Stradling
Φ 2082



Recruitment Fall 2022

The Fall semester of 2022 recruitment for the Phi Chapter went smoothly and was highly successful. For the theme of this rush we decided to go with surfing. The theme fit very nicely with everyone just coming off of summer break and the warm weather. We were able to order nicely done rush shirts for the entire active chapter with a majority of actives still wearing them around the house to this date.

We started off our rush week with an IFC hosted event, Casino Night, where you can play poker, blackjack, and roulette and win prizes. On Tuesday, we hit the week of with our first event that we hosted, Slip and Tip on Churchill Field. The event brought waves of guys coming from every dorm to participate. It was the talk of the campus for the rest of the week. We followed up that heavy hitter with our most anticipated event, not just by campus but also by the active chapter, our yearly car smash. After the excitement of the car smash we reined it back a bit and hosted a grill out so we can have more conversations and actually get to know our potential new members. Once we got to know our potential future brothers better the active chapter had to undergo the task of narrowing down around 100 guys to handing out 30 bids with 22 invites to our invite only event on Friday. Like the past couple semesters, we ended our rush week with our invite only event at Fargo Billiards where we could

dig even deeper in conversations with our potential new members.

Our Fall recruitment went extremely well with the ongoing momentum from our 20+ person pledge class the Fall before. We ended up initiating 20 new members, making our chapter 64 total actives and one of the largest fraternities on campus.

L&R,

Xavier Homelvig

Φ 2097



Pig Banquet Registration Form

Name: _____

Number of Meals Saturday: ____

Address: _____

x \$60

Total Cost: ____

Graduation Year _____

Please Remit with Payment to

Guest Name(s) _____

Theta Chi Alumni

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Friday ____ Saturday ____



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