

The Phi ARROW



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PHI CHAPTER TACKLING CHAPTER HOUSE RENOVATION!

After years on the drawing board, the Alumni Council is proceeding with the complete renovation of our beloved chapter house with the support of brothers from multiple generations. The \$1.9 million project will create market competitive and financially sustainable student housing that:

- prioritizes life safety concerns
- increases space per man
- improves the overall study atmosphere through new space and technology
- upgrades kitchen and laundry facilities
- enhances mechanical components and thermal efficiency

Preliminary drawings have been developed by architect YHR Partners of Moorhead using student, alumni and parent input. Overseeing the building strategy is a four-man committee chaired by Russ Handegard. Other members include: Eric Lembke, Scott Fournier, and Bernie Dardis



\$1.9 Million Capital Campaign Launched; \$870K Already Committed!

"Renovation is no longer a dream!" said Rick Buresh '71, PhiNow Campaign Chair and father of three Phi sons. "128 brothers have put this project on the map and contributed major dollars. Now it's time for all 1,200 brothers to hear project details and have the opportunity to give. "While we still have a lot of road to cover in a relatively short amount of time, it's clear that we've achieved an historic fundraising total; sufficient enough to assure all brothers that renovation will go forward."



Campaign Chair,
Rick Buresh '71

"Chapter volunteers are anxiously planning for the transition from full time fundraising to construction," added Rick. "Our AGR neighbors have been helpful in providing a renovation road map based on their recent experience. While we were unsuccessful in cajoling them to pay up for prior late night "chalk ups" by their brothers in the Theta Chi kitchen, they did provide a wealth of useful advice based on their recent experience. Actually, we're grateful to AGR alum Jamie Nettum – their Alumni Treasurer and renovation 'clerk-of-the-works' - who pledged a generous sum to our campaign in memory of his uncle Lynn Anderson '57."

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FAST CAMPAIGN FACTS:

- Goal: \$1.9 million
- \$873,755 "quietly" raised since Fall 2013
- 54% of gifts going directly to the fraternity despite tax deductible opportunity
- 128 alumni are contributors which translates to 10.8% of brothers
- General Campaign kick-off: January 2015
- 50 volunteers leading the effort (See page 5 for your class volunteers)

**PLAN ON
PIG BANQUET
MARCH 28, 2015
REGISTER ON
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THANK YOU BROTHERS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Ryan Boen '94 – 1st Floor
Accessible Resident's Room
Steve Letnes '73 – Kitchen

Second Floor:

J&C McInnes Inc. – Study
Room
Jon Dickson – 2-person
sleeping room
The Larson Family – 2-person
sleeping room

Third Floor:

The Miller Family – Study
Room
John Cook – Study Room
Rick Buresh – 2-person
sleeping room
Gene Jackson – 2-person
sleeping room
Robert & Roger Gjellstad –
Study Room
Tom R. Bang Memorial – Study
Room
Dennis Agnew – 2-person
sleeping room

**More naming
opportunities available.**



*Theta Chi is the reason I am
still here at NDSU. I can't
help but appreciate every
opportunity and friend this
fraternity has given me.*

—Ryan Lauer
Lakeville, MN
(Fall 2012 initiate)



HOUSE RENOVATION (CONTINUED)

Next steps include:

- Re-engaging an architect for more detailed plans.
- Establishing a project completion target to coincide with our 2017 centennial anniversary. Construction will tentatively occur during the 2016-17 school year. To meet this "end date", bids should be advertised in January 2016, with bid letting in early spring. Construction will commence as soon as possible following dismissal of the 2015-16 academic year.
- Establishing a business plan to confirm we have long term revenues sufficient to support continued operation of the house and repayment of any notes taken for construction.

- Sourcing alternative housing for the active chapter during the construction phase – the 2016-17 school year.
- Presenting plans to the Phi Chapter Alumni Association for authorization to proceed with building.

"I'm chairing this campaign because I feel strongly that Phi needs safe, secure and enhanced living conditions now to maintain our competitive advantage at NDSU," said Rick. "I enjoyed a tremendous college experience because of Theta Chi. Please join me by making a gift so future generations of young men can have the same life changing opportunities."

PROJECT HISTORY



An 11-man steering committee, co-chaired by Rick Buresh '71 and Kyle Blake '89, was responsible for researching the renovation plan before any financial support was requested from alumni. Thank you to the following for their work: Bernie Dardis '75, Dennis Agnew '99, Bob Stein '69, Jarrett Mogen '92, Paul Gienger '01, John Nordgaard '75, Ben Nicholas '12, Jeff Gears '99, Jeff McInnes '79, Dan Kvasnicka '13, Kyle Sebesta '13, Kyle Kemmet '98, Jason Gates '02, Ben Buresh '06.

1. Phi Chapter Alumni Association recommends exploration of a capital campaign in anticipation of 100-year anniversary (3/11).
2. Alumni Council decision to undertake a total property rehabilitation and explore the feasibility of a supporting capital campaign (2/12).
3. YHR Partners (architect) retained (5/12) to develop renovation options.
4. Steering Committee recruited and conducts six-month review (6/12).
5. IvyPartners – organizational consultant - recommends proceeding with capital campaign after receiving input from 38 alumni from five states representing over 60 years of history at Φ Chapter (12/12).
6. 12-man campaign committee recruited (5/13); quiet fundraising begins (10/13).
7. Fargo Moorhead Area Foundation partnership formalized for tax deductible giving opportunity (8/13).
8. One-quarter pledged (2/14). Former steward, Steve Letnes names Kitchen.
9. First gift of securities from Stan Dardis (3/14). Larson Brothers join Roger & Robert Gjellstad and Miller Family as family groups recognized on the Donor Roster.
10. John Bang honors brother Tom by naming a large study room on the reconfigured third floor (9/14).
11. First 100 brothers to donate to the capital campaign to be permanently acknowledged as Phi100. General Campaign volunteers recruited to launch project to all brothers (10/14).

\$1.9 MILLION CAMPAIGN DONOR ROSTER

Amount Pledged/Gifted to date: \$873,755

Amount Collected to date: \$423,151

Percent Pledged: 46.0%

Percent Collected: 22.3%

Total Contributors: 128

Percent of Brothers: 10.8%



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: 10

+ Dennis Agnew '99φ

+ Rick '71 and Janette Bureshφ

+ John Cook '70

+ Stan Dardis '71

+ Jon Dickson '00φ

+ Robert Gjellstad '77φ and Roger

Gjellstad '72φ

Gene Jackson '71φ

+ Michael '06, Adam '06 and Eric Larson '09φ

+ J & C McInnes Inc. '76φ

+ Dave '71, Doug '96, Collin '99, Eric '02 and

Patrick '05 Millerφ

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

Number of Gifts Needed: 30

Number of Gifts to date: 17

Ronald A. Anderson '66

+ Rod Baker '80

+ Steven Erbstoesser '73φ

+ Brian Fjosne '69φ

+ Scott Fournier '98

+ Russ Handegard '72φ

+ David J. Hynek '69φ

Fred J. Hynek '67φ

Timothy D. Hynek '75, '78φ

Mike Morrissey '62φ

+ John T. Nordgaard '74, '76φ

+ Richard Ruud '71φ

Robert C. Stein '69φ

+ Roger Steiner '70

+ Brad Westrum '72

+ Dale Wunderlich '81φ

+ Dennis Wunderlich '82φ

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

Number of Gifts Needed: 50

Number of Gifts to date: 31

Bryon Amble '00*

+ Eric Bartsch '99φ

+ Ben Buresh '06*

Shawn M. Carlson '04

+ Bernie Dardis '75

Helmuth Froeschle '41φ

+ Peter Gates '07φ

+ Gregory Gebeke '76

+ Jim Gompf '51φ

Duane Grippe '90φ

Jack Haines '86φ

+ Jim Hardwick '87φ

+ Rodney G. Johnson '70

+ Kyle Kemmet '98φ

+ Dr. William Kranzler '65φ

Curtis Lesmeister '85φ

+ Cory Loveless '12φ

+ Don McAdoo '98

Randy Morris '71φ

+ John D. Reed '70φ

Andy Rodgers '99

+ Gary Rosevold '67

Brian Ross '70φ

E. Rick Schlenker '73φ

+ David Skjerven '71

+ Lee Sorenson '69

James C. Thompson '72

+ Derek Tossett '95φ

+ 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: 34

+ Paul Backlund '78φ

+ Dave Berg '83φ

+ Rocky Bertsch '75φ

+ Kyle Blake '89φ

+ Alan Christianson '72φ

Col. Richard W. Danielson '74φ

+ Michael Ehresmann '03φ

Donald Fougner '70φ

+ Jason Gates '02φ

+ Paul Gienger '01φ

+ Bob Goetz '69

+ N. Scott Halvorson '72φ

+ Brian Hankel '88

+ Bradley Haugen '80

Jeffrey D. Haugen '76φ

+ Gary R. Hendrickson '82

+ Clarence Holloway '72φ

+ Adam Homelvig '96φ

Lawson Jones '72

+ Jamie Livingston '98φ

Ronald Miller '70φ

Steven Morris '74φ

+ Glenn Mueller '71

Gus Mueller '69φ

+ Troy Olson '86φ

Guy Rolfsrud '96φ

Clint Severance '98φ

Ryan N. Severance '02

+ John Sherven '00

Lloyd Smith '65φ

Lloyd Sorenson '67φ

Mike Sprenger 90φ

Darrell Tuntland '64

+ Dennis Vonasek '88φ

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

Number of Gifts Needed: 100

Number of Gifts to date: 14

Patrick Artz '94φ

+ Rodney Bertsch '69

Dennis Huber '62φ

Dean Kelsch '66φ

Roger Kolden '69φ

+ Curtis Lee '91φ

Calvin Loken '62φ

David A. Mueller '82φ

Rodney Nett '72φ

+ Dan Skarsgard '74

Larry Westrum '71

Terry Wilner '67φ

IvyPartnersφ

In Memory of Randy Morris '71 and

in Honor of Clarence Holloway '72

\$500-\$999

Number of Gifts Needed: Many

Number of Gifts to date: 8

Jamie Nettum In Memory of Lynn

Anderson '60φ

Gerald Hicks '66φ

+ Jim Huettl '67

Brett Loftesnes '89

Glen Masset '89φ

Ron Schlieman '68

Mark Thompson '67

James Wilhelm '62φ

\$50-\$499

Number of Gifts Needed: Many

Number of Gifts to date: 9

Gary Berreth '66

Courtney A. Borman '95

Gary Burau '63

Travis Dagman '04φ

Michael Erbstoesser '70φ

Gary Heise '67φ

Robert M. Hendrickson '66φ

Ryan McDonald '13

Arvid Winkler '64φ

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.

SEND A CHECK OR CALF?

Before launching Phi-Now's "Quiet Phase," Jason Gates '02 and other chapter leaders worked hard to nail down multiple opportunities for Theta Chi alumni to support the campaign:

1. **Make a 5-year pledge**
2. **Make a one-time gift of cash**
3. **Make a non-cash gift such as appreciated securities, commodities or livestock**

"The bottom-line is that giving should be easy," said Jason, Phi Chapter Treasurer. "It's important that everyone benefits – the chapter and alumni – if a campaign gift is made."

Working with the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation, Phi Chapter can extend a tax deductible benefit to donors as well as matching gift opportunities. However, a gift made directly to the chapter can be used immediately to offset expenses and limit banking costs down the line. IRS regulations limit the availability of tax deductible funds on an annual basis. Please consult your financial advisor to discuss the giving option most appropriate for you.

For questions and instructions, please contact: Jennifer Noble, Campaign Coordinator at 217-840-9684 or jen@ivypartners.com.

DICKSON & MILLERS GIVE GRAIN

Campaign Committee members Dave Miller and Jon Dickson are big advocates of commodity giving. "After calling the elevator manager and explaining what I wanted to do with my load of Durham wheat, he set it up for me with no problems," said Dave Miller '71. "As I hauled



Jon Dickson

the commodity to the elevator it was listed as Theta Chi Alumni as the owner on the ticket. I contacted Jason Gates, the Alumni Treasurer and told him the commodity was being delivered. After delivery, all Jason has to do is order the elevator to sell the commodity and request payment be sent to him. My family is completely out of the picture; no income, no taxes, just a cleanly cut gift that goes direct to the house. I would recommend a commodity gift to anyone who might have this opportunity."

"For me, it was really quite simple," said Jon Dickson '00, who is a corn and soybean farmer from Hunter, ND. "I dumped the truck on a separate assembly sheet in Theta Chi's name and let Jason Gates know that it was ready for him to sell. It was a win-win situation for me to donate commodities to the Theta Chi housing project. I can see the tax benefits of being able to deduct the production costs while not taking the income from the sale. I also know the money goes directly to the house project in full without having to be distributed over time like a tax-deductible gift to the

F-M Area Foundation. If other farmers are wanting to make a donation to the house, I would highly recommend they consider making their gift via commodities."

According to Jon, additional suggestions include:

- Talking to your grain elevator or grain merchandiser in advance of your transaction to let them know you will be putting grain on an account for Theta Chi Alumni.
- Keep note of the grain donated for federal crop production reporting and insurance claims.

If interested in making a commodity gift, contact Jason Gates '02 at 701-367-0471 or jgates97@gmail.com. Although gifts of commodities are not deductible as a charitable contribution, they may reduce income, thus lowering federal/state income taxes and self-employment taxes. Contact your financial advisor to determine what type of gift makes the most sense for your situation.

STAY CONNECTED

Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/PhiThetaChi/

Update contact info:

<http://phionline.org/update-information/>

Email list:

http://phionline.org/mailman/listinfo/alumni_phionline.org

JERRY DOAN '75 HONORED

A fourth-generation rancher and producer from McKenzie, ND, Jerry received the 2014 Agribusiness Award at Harvest Bowl. The award recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of agriculture and business in North Dakota and beyond.

The next generation of McKenzies are making plans to join Jerry on the farm. The two oldest sons, Jeremy and Jay, are back full time. In addition to traditional ranching, the Doans have expanded into agritourism. Through their Rolling Plains Adventures, they provide paying customers with hunting, rural weddings, corporate events and "working ranch" experiences on the family's Black Leg Ranch. They're also investigating a winery enterprise.



WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE PROJECT? ASK CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS

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| Peter Gates | 2003-08 Decade Chair | peter_gates72@hotmail.com | (701) 240-8493 |

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PHI NOW! DONORS TO BE RECOGNIZED IN 3 WAYS

1. Donor Roster

All supporters will be recognized on the campaign donor roster which will be circulated regularly to all alumni throughout the campaign. Donors are categorized according to gift range or Gift Club status.

2. Permanent wall display at the chapter house

The minimum gift amount to be recognized on the wall display is \$1,917 to coincide with Theta Chi's 1917 founding at NDSU.

3. Room naming opportunities at the Chapter House for gifts of \$25,000 or greater.

All are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Naming opportunities include:

Gift of \$250,000

Dining Room, Red Carpet Living Room, Chapter Room

Gift of \$100,000-\$249,999

1st Floor Music Room, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 1st Floor Entryway

Gift of \$50,000-\$99,999

Basement TV/Game Room, 1st Floor Coat Room, Elevator, 2nd Floor Study Room

Gift of \$25,000-\$49,999

Basement bathroom, Vault, 2nd and 3rd Floor sleeping rooms, bathrooms and laundry, 2nd Floor office, 3rd Floor study room

THETA CHI FOR LIFE BROTHERS

The following have made contributions to the chapter. Additional "Theta Chi for Life Brothers" are identified on the donor roster on page 3.

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|------------------|---------------------|
| Michael Anderson | Mike Loughheed |
| Allan Arneson | Christopher Mattson |
| Eric Bartsch | Mark Michaelson |
| Thomas Beck | Jason Middaugh |
| Philip Bradbury | Steve Miller |
| Nick Bullinger | Eric Moberg |
| James Clysdale | Jarett Mogen |
| Peter Demuth | Jeremy Mueller |
| Mark Dittmer | Douglas Olsen |
| David Drew | Tom Olson |
| Richard Engvall | Christopher Olson |
| Bill Flaget | Bruce Ovind |
| Douglas Gasal | Erik Peterson |
| David Goetz | Mark Puppe |
| Robert Grant | Timothy Raap |
| Blake Griffin | Aaron Reinholz |
| Kim Gutenkunst | Travis Reno |
| Robert Haines | Cameron Rudolph |
| Donald Halvorson | Darrol Schroeder |
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| Kevin Helland | Jeffrey Sheldon |
| Dale Hetland | John T. Sigurdson |
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| Tim Hill | Gilbert Spooner |
| Emery Jackson | Todd Stejskal |
| JoelJennissen | Bradley Tews |
| Ryan Johansen | Neil Thomas |
| Craig E. Johnson | Michael Tobias |
| Douglas Johnson | Wes Tossett |
| David Kantrud | Edmund Tyson |
| Charles Keefe | Kyle Vig |
| Jarrod Kittleson | Clair Watne |
| Loren Kjønaas | Jon Weng |
| Robert Knorr | Robert Wesolowski |
| Brian Larson | Roger Williams |
| Eric Lembke | Ronald Wilner |
| Steven Link | Jeffrey Wrede |
| Kelly Linster | |
| Sandeep Loi | |

To renovate the chapter house Phi needs all brothers to participate!

GREETINGS TO ALL FROM PHI CHAPTER!

We hope this edition of the Phi Arrow reaches you in good health and spirit. Our chapter looks forward to hosting you at our 2015 Pig Banquet on March 28th!



Alex Fausti

As we begin this new semester our members are very excited for the future outlook of not only our chapter, but also our National Fraternity. At the most recent Deraanian Presidential Conference, our National President said: "It's a great time to be a Theta Chi" and we firmly agree. Nationally, Theta Chi is the second fastest growing fraternity. At NDSU, we initiated 24 new members this past fall and five moved into the house this semester.

These next few weeks will be very eventful for our active members as we begin recruitment week, attend the Mid Year Leadership Conference at our Iowa State Chapter, and volunteer at the Martin Luther King Jr. Service Plunge on campus. We also look to a fresh start in the grade books to achieve our goal of attaining a 3.2 chapter GPA.

"Alma Mater First, and Theta Chi for Alma Mater."

This past semester was a time of change for our chapter as we looked to replace both our Campus Advisor, Jason Medders, and our Alumnus Advisor, Brother Ben Buresh. Both men took new and adventurous steps in their careers and wanted to give others an opportunity to help mold this historic chapter. Both helped grow and develop our chapter into what it is today and we couldn't be more grateful. Thankfully Brother Tyler 'Vern' Holland will become our Alumnus Advisor. A committee has been recruited to find a new and insightful Campus Advisor.

We look forward to enhancing the fine legacy handed down to us. It's humbling to hear and see all that our alumni do that allows this chapter to continue its success. Thank you for exemplifying "Theta Chi for Life."

Fraternally,
Alex Fausti 1877 Φ
Active Chapter President

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Brothers, I hope that this letter has reached you in great spirit! I am very honored to be part of this edition of the Arrow this spring. I am personally a very reflective person and enjoy the opportunity to share Theta Chi-Phi Chapter memories with brothers of all generations. After three years of being an active member of this fraternity, I've met dozens of brothers that I will remember for a lifetime. When I first joined fall semester of 2012, it truly opened my eyes to the amount of emphasis there is on philanthropy and the true meaning of brotherhood.

I've learned that brotherhood is something that is earned and requires temperance, tolerance and extending the helping hand. I am still developing my personal meaning of brotherhood with the events we participate in and the good we do both in and out of the classroom. All in all, I just wanted to take the time to write out my appreciation for being a

part of such an incredible group of individuals. Many, of which have changed my life for the better.

As far as the Arrow is concerned, this opportunity has been nothing short of amazing. As the current editor of the Phi Arrow, I've been genuinely gifted with the chance to meet and work with many terrific brothers. From taking trips with brothers all over the Midwest to sitting down for coffee, this position has helped me see the infinite aspects of Theta Chi that make this fraternity so awesome. When I look back on my time with Theta Chi in future years to come, it will be a joy to remember initiations, Greek-wide events, and just hanging with my brothers playing video games in my TV room. I wish you all the best regards to spirit and health!

Fraternally,
John Narum 1903 Φ

FAITH, SERVICE, AND THETA CHI

Phi Chapter Brother Joshua Majeski is a junior studying criminal justice. Involved heavily with Christian organizations on NDSU's campus, he is also Theta Chi Chaplin. With that, I (Editor John Narum) asked him to give a testament of how faith has influenced his Greek experience.

When I first came across Greek life, I didn't think it was necessarily for me. My faith was and is the most important thing to me. And back then, only knowing the stereotypes, I did not know how I could fit in. When I did decide to join, the more I learned, the more the doubts started to fade away. The doubts were being replaced by encouraging reasons to stay including my pledge class brothers, the older actives in the chapter, and the commitment to Alma Mater. The ONE thing that truly stood out to me was our motto "An Assisting Hand."

This will to serve was especially pleasing to me because it reinforced my desire to join this fraternity. One of the more evident ways I live

out my faith is serving those around me, for service is a life-defining passion of mine. One of the clearest values in Christianity is serving others, and my desire to serve God moves me to serve others. Therefore, my faith and being a Theta Chi significantly contribute to one another in their shared value of service.

In Theta Chi my desire to serve is given a place to grow, be applied and additionally be fueled. Being a Phi Chapter Brother has given me more opportunities to serve and contribute to my community. I also get to serve alongside my brothers, and share my desire to serve with them. And when their responses share similar passion it encourages me greatly and motivates me more than ever. Those parts of who I am have been expanded and strengthened in Theta Chi and my faith and Theta Chi have definitely been able to play into each other.

My experience in Theta Chi has proven to build character, and its ideals have moved me to better serve others and God.

PHI CHAPTER HITS THE ROAD TO MYLC!

Twenty six Phi Chapter brothers (double our chapter's attendance from last year) loaded up in vehicles and made the trip down to Ames, Iowa for the Mid-Year Leadership Conference!

Just driving through campus to our hotel was an eye-opening experience in terms of culture and infrastructure. Alpha Mu brothers were very genuine and opened their chapter house doors for us, which had been kept up to a near-spotless condition. Fun fact: They increased their GPA from 2.8 to 3.2 in just one semester due to new policies for study areas in the house!

The conference itself was a day full of Theta Chi rejuvenation. A near-record 150 Theta Chi brothers were in attendance from all over the Midwest, including some colonies aspiring to reinstate the chapter at their school. Executive Director and Grand Chapter member Michael Mayer was in charge of it all and remembered some Phi Chapter faces. We as a chapter were proud during introductions when it was announced we were the chapter at the conference with the most Alter Awards. The



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day was split into five breakout sessions and executive officer roundtables to discuss what strategies were working for certain chapters including philanthropy, sacred purpose and overall chapter operations.

We were just lucky enough as a chapter to send so many avid brothers willing to push forward the values and beliefs of this fraternity. It is conferences like this that bring back a new light to Theta Chi, and can change the lives of some members for the better.

Fraternally,
John Narum 1903 Φ

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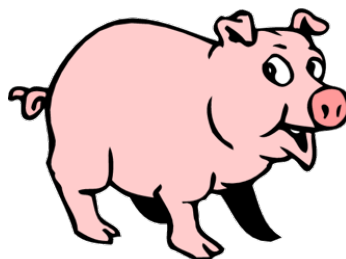
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