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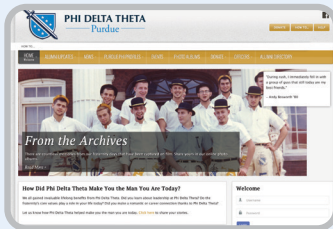
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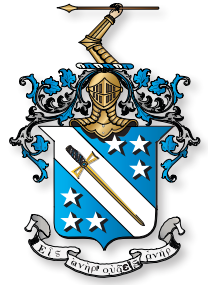
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# The Purdue Phi

Indiana Theta Chapter ♦ Phi Delta Theta Fraternity  
Purdue University ♦ West Lafayette, Indiana  
[www.purdue-phi.net](http://www.purdue-phi.net) ♦ April 2020



## WE DID IT!

### We've raised \$312,000 to complete much-needed room renovations!

The 2-for-1 fundraising goal has been reached! Not only did we reach it, but we exceeded our goal by \$12,000! We had quite a few donations at the end of the year, including one large donation from an alumnus who we will not name — just remember to buy Red Gold tomatoes and use Red Gold ketchup and mustard.

With the \$100,000 matching donations from **Russ Wurster (1957)** and **Bob Bowen (1961)**, we were able to raise a total of \$312,000 to complete our room renovations over the next two years.

We are a little ahead of schedule and have just completed renovating Room #9, which was not scheduled to be completed until the end of the spring semester. So, we are moving onto renovating the Jay Ihlenfeld Suite, formally known as Room #7. We should finish renovating all the rooms on the second floor this summer and will move on to the third-floor room renovations shortly thereafter. Even the West Lafayette building inspector is excited to see our progress! He recently told us that, other than the totally new construction of The Farmhouse, no other fraternal organization is remodeling their house into the suite concept that we have been doing. That gives us a head start on other Fraternities (but if you look at all the construction cranes hovering over the Village area, we are just keeping up with the new apartments that are being built). Even Purdue has gotten into the act, by building



the Honors College Housing that is 100 percent suites.

The Actives have bought all new laundry equipment and we upgraded the exhaust system to accommodate the new machines. We brought all the dryer venting and the washing machine drainage up to code. Fun fact: **Tim Quigley (1976)** recently found copies of the original blueprints of the 1910 construction of the Phi

Lodge, and they had washing machines (but no dryers) in the basement where the Chapter Room is now.

The recently retired **Gary Jackson (1975)** has joined the Housing Board and has volunteered to organize and track our growing list of room furnishings that we are purchasing for the renovated rooms. We will buy new, full-size beds and mattresses, as well as a chest of drawers, desk and chair for each bedroom. The other item we will buy is a floor-standing air conditioning unit that looks like an oversized humidifier. It uses a window adapter that blows the hot air outside without having an ugly window air conditioner hanging out the window. We will no longer have air conditioners that drip water onto the outside brick walls and cause mildew damage. In the next few years we would like to air condition all the common areas, such as the living room and dining room.

Your donations make future upgrades to the Phi Lodge much more financially feasible, using the rent money we receive from the Actives for renovations instead of repairs!

**NOTICE**

**The Founder's Day  
Dinner Has Been  
Cancelled**

## HOW TO USE THE DIRECTORY

*Connect with Brothers during this  
time of Social Distancing*

**#1.**

Go to [www.purdue-phi.net](http://www.purdue-phi.net)

**#2.**

Log in on the right-hand side  
under **"Welcome"**

**#3.**

Along the top of the website,  
hover over the **"Connect"** tab and click  
**"Search Members"**

**#4.**

Search by name, employer, nickname,  
state and more! It's that easy! Don't  
wait. Reconnect today!

## JIM LEVERENZ '59 CREATES IMPRESSIVE NEIL ARMSTRONG SCULPTURE



**Jim Leverenz '59** has recreated a wooden sculpture depicting Neil Armstrong during the moon landing.

The Judy Gale Roberts Studio in Tennessee was commissioned by NASA to create a much larger version for the Kennedy Space Center to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first moon walk, showing a reverse angle of the famous picture of Buzz Aldrin saluting the American flag. Since there are no pictures of Neil when he saluted the flag, different artists have created their own versions of the famous moment.

When Jim saw the larger wooden piece of Neil saluting the flag, he decided to create his own version. All the colors of the sculpture, except the paint on the American flag, are created using the natural colors of various species of wood; the piece of artwork required 607 separate pieces of wood.

This is a very difficult and tedious way to create art, but Jim has pulled it off beautifully! He also built a wooden easel stand for the piece.

A few weeks ago, Jim visited the Phi Lodge and donated the sculpture to the Neil A. Armstrong Library, which is very much appreciated. In the past, Jim has also donated various wooden art to the fraternity, such as the Purdue/Phi Delta Theta clocks made from wood from the floor of Keady Court at Mackey Arena. We have presented quite a few of these clocks to alumni who have given talks to the students over the years at our annual Founder's Day Dinners.

Thanks, Jim!

## THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF A THRIVING BROTHERHOOD

### Why to Prioritize Your Phi Delta Theta Events This Year

The relationships that surround us are one of the most important keys to our enjoyment of life. We have communities that follow us through several seasons and those that come and go with our ever-changing lives. We hope you regard your Phi Delta Theta Brothers as those who are there for the long-haul. We all carry on with our lives away from the Purdue campus that brought us together, but the Brotherhood formed there lasts forever. Yet, often, we men suck at staying connected. And now more than ever, your health depends on it.

#### Science is Proving Our Need for Relationship

We are built for relationship and science is beginning to show just how important it is to both our short-term and long-term health. The *Harvard Health* newsletter in their **"The health benefits of strong relationships"** article highlights the importance of social communities.

"Social connections ... influence our long-term health in ways every bit as powerful as adequate sleep, a good diet, and not smoking. Dozens of studies have shown that people who have social support from family, friends, and their community are happier, have fewer health problems, and live longer."

The good news is, engaging with your community – in this case, the Phi Delta Theta Brotherhood – is much easier than

eating well, exercising and dropping your daily cigarette habit. By regularly engaging with your Brothers through social media, alumni events and reunions, you can continue the common thread of community that brought you together in the first place and reap the health benefits in your life.

If that's not enough, you're also proven to be happier now, by reliving positive memories, which we have in excess as Phi Delta Theta alum.

#### Changing Times

In response to COVID-19, many cities across the country have urged residents to partake in social distancing. This can make getting in contact with friends rather difficult, even impossible. Now, more than ever, is the time to connect with your Phi Deltas Theta Brothers over the phone, through email or however else you may choose to connect online.

If you can, do it! (And then visit the Phi Delta Theta alumni website and upload photos to keep the memories alive.) You'll never regret time spent with your Brothers. It's hard to make it happen. Life is busy and being intentional takes effort, but it's worth it! Take advantage of the natural community Phi Delta Theta creates. Brotherhood is a community you can count on for support, mentorship, friendship and now, a healthier, more meaningful life.

# WHY I GIVE TO INDIANA THETA

## Your Indiana Theta Brothers Share Why They Choose to Give Back

“ The Phi Lodge at Purdue has always been my home at Purdue. My journey started in 1967 when I was 12 and visited my older brother Terry who was a Purdue Phi. After that weekend I knew I would be a Purdue Phi. My time at Purdue, graduating in 1977, was one great experience after another compliments of all the brothers at PDT. I participated annually after I graduated but re-engaged actively in 2009 becoming a member of the CAB and being a part of rewarding transition to where the house stands today. Seeing the continuous improvements with the actives each year has been my inspiration.”

- HP Culp '77

Have you been putting off giving to the Annual Fund? Don't wait another day. Honor all that Indiana Theta has given to all of us with a gift to our annual fund, which makes the Indian Theta Alumni Association possible. To contribute, visit [www.purdue-phi.net](http://www.purdue-phi.net) and click on the "Donate" button in the top right hand corner of the homepage.

“ I had not been back to Purdue since 2007 to visit the Phi Lodge. I attended a football game with my pledge Brother John Busald in September 2019. We visited the house and walked the floors. Knowing that some of our fellow greek fraternities had either rebuilt or updated their fraternity houses, I found it pretty concerning that our House is in a state of deterioration and saw the remodel of some of the individual rooms that would keep our house competitive in the recruitment of new pledge brothers and with the 2 for 1 initiative for donations, I felt it my duty to keep our Phi Lodge very competitive with the updating of our entire common areas and the individual rooms. I call on all of my pledge brothers to please donate whatever you can to help secure the legacy of our home that was a vital part of all of our college experience.”

- Curtis Wurster '85

## ANNUAL FUND HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank You!



Raised: \$48,002 | Goal: \$35,000

Thank you to the following brothers who have supported our annual fund so far this giving year, which started on September 1, 2019.

### Life Donors

Russell Wurster	1957	Thomas Suciu	1964
James Wurster	1959	Gary Liefer	1974
Robert Bowen	1961	George Thomas	1976
Jay Ihlenfeld	1974	David Lohss	1978
		Tom Bloodgood	1981
		Randy Asmus	1982

### Indiana Theta Legacy Circle (\$1,000+)

Richard Brigden	1961	Curtis Wurster	1985
Robert Bowen	1961	Thomas Baryl	1988
Paul Troup	1963	Richard Zay	1993
Robert Taylor	1969	David Farnham	1998

### Founders Circle (\$300-\$499.99)

Brian Reichart	1972	George Collier	1961
Terry King	1976	Philip Trego	1965
William Green	1976	Thomas Burch	1967
Timothy Quigley	1976		

### The 1848 Society (\$200-\$299.99)

Gary Batesole	1977	Patrick Kennedy	1951
Andy Bosworth	1980	J. Allan Campbell	1951
Bradley Dickinson	1980	Ronald Snyder	1956
Steven Yapp	1984	Thomas Watters	1969
		Stephen Fix	1969
		John Menaugh	1970

### 503 State Street Society (\$500-\$999.99)

James Thompson	1956
Albert Hall	1959

George Fleet	1971	Fritz Schumann	1979
David Ponzo	1971	Randall Clark	1981
Michael Busald	1972	Thomas Rechin	1984
Stanley Flood	1974	Thomas Hill	1984
William Heston	1981	Edward O'Rourke	1985
David Daniel	1986	Robert Sweeney	1991
Andrew Beauchamp	1990	Mark Franke	1995
John Deal	1993	Ian Reynell	2000
		Barry Richard	2005
		Jerry Ruth	2007

### Azure Club (\$100-\$199.99)

Thomas Costin	1948
Von Ballew	1950
Ronald Pierce	1955
Richard Schmidt	1957
James Leverenz	1960
William Roof	1965
William Pickart	1967
Douglas Joyce	1967
Jeffrey Wohlford	1968
Terry Culp	1969
Thomas Hamilton	1972
Richard Thane	1973
Larry Nicholson	1974
Stephen Badylak	1976

### Argent Club (\$50-\$99.99)

Robert Marlowe	1952
James Staples	1953
Robert Corcoran	1966
J. Williamson	1970



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## UPDATE FROM THE UNDERGRADS



### See What the Actives Are Up To

The first two weeks of school were very busy, the undergrads report in their latest newsletter. In the spring, they hosted seven rush events, which resulted 15 new Phikeia! They celebrated the new Phikeias' bid acceptance with the classic, steak bid dinner. At this event, the brothers and the new Phikeia were able to mingle and get to know one another while enjoying one of Chef Dave's classic steaks. We're all excited to get to know these young men and see them through their journey through pledgeship!

This past summer Tim Quigley worked on renovating Room #1 on the first floor of the Phi Lodge. Room #1 now consists of four individual rack rooms and a small common area in the center. The room has new flooring and fresh, undamaged walls. The next room that is set to be renovated is Room #9.

Thanks to the hard work of brothers and Phikeia, the actives now have a newly painted outdoor patio and table. The patio was painted by the Fall 19' pledge class during their pledgeship and newly initiated brother Jack Phelps built an incredible wooden table from scratch. The handmade table was built over Christmas break and includes flashing LED lights and a golden Purdue logo.

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED ON THE ALUMNI WEBSITE?

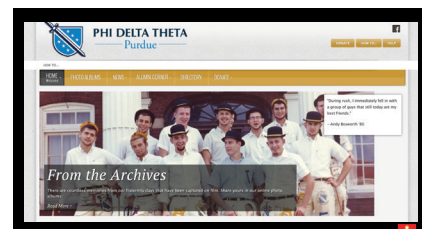
Brotherhood is unique. We spend four years on a college campus with our fraternity Brothers, and as a result, we have a community for a lifetime. We want to make the most of those connections. Our Brotherhood has a reach that extends across the country. It provides a resourceful network of support, professions and community.

We have provided an **online forum** on our website for you to connect with other alumni. By utilizing the alumni website, you can stay in contact with Brothers wherever life after graduation took them.

Register online for our password-protected platform, so you can **upload photos, utilize the searchable directory, and read and provide updates.**

Visit the alumni page and get connected today!

Register online and start the conversation that has been years in the making!



**To Get Current News, Share Memories,  
See the Honor Roll,  
AND TO DONATE!**

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