

# CANDLELIGHT

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## BETA PHI ALUMNI CONTINUE CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHAPTER TO SUCCEED

I want to open this letter by sending out a huge thank-you to all who generously donated to our leadership training fund. Due to your generosity, Beta Phi will send 20 members to Pike University in Chicago. We have experienced firsthand that members who attend these types of conferences come back and become strong leaders. We look forward to getting a report back from Chapter President **Andrew McGowan '17**, as he is one of the 20 members attending. These activities really solidify the Chapter, bring in new ideas, reinforce the importance of training, and create an even stronger bond among the Foundation, Home Association, Alumni Advisory Committee, and the Chapter. Thank you, again!

December opened with Pike Old Masters and turned out to be another great event. **Jeff Copeland '69**, **Steve Clausman '85**, **Matt Folz '11**, and **Matt Daily '09** donated their time to meet with the members on Saturday and Sunday. Old Masters has been a great success and this year was no different. We attended the Purdue vs. Youngstown State game and enjoyed a great dinner with members of the executive board on Saturday. It is a great way to get to know these young men on a personal level.

On Sunday, we had breakfast at the Chapter House followed by break-out sessions. During these sessions, the Old Masters can share stories, give advice, and look for potential employees. The undergraduates can gain the benefit of the experiences the alumni have accumulated. To me, it is immeasurable the importance of passing down stories and allowing our active members to understand that we all once stood in their shoes, lived in the same house, and sometimes even in the same room. Anyone interested in becoming an Old Master should contact me or **Josh Bellman '08**. The event is held either the first or second weekend of December every year.

In January, **Bob Nice '82**, president of the Home Association; **Josh Bellman '08**, chapter advisor; Dick Cypherd, house management; and I met with the Chapter. We do this every few years since the house turns over in about that time frame. Our purpose is to explain who we are, what we represent, and what the three different organizations do for the Chapter. It was an incredibly positive meeting. Much discussion was had about what our expectations are for them as individuals and as a Chapter. The group of young men in the house today lives in a completely different set of circumstances than when most of us were at Purdue. We as alumni

need to adapt to a changing world, but also reinforce the importance of history and tradition.

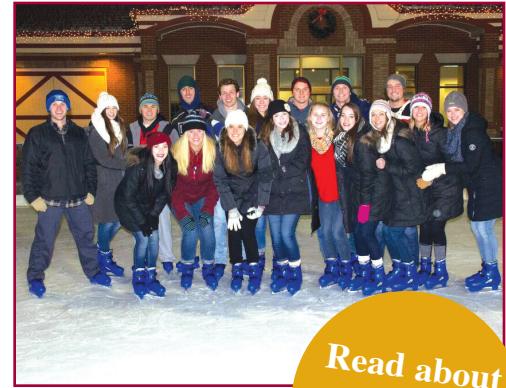
You will see in the report from **Andrew McGowan '17** that the Chapter GPA continues to climb. They are making extensive use of the tutoring program we established, thanks to the tremendous donations from our alumni. The program helps create an environment where the undergraduates can get help with virtually any class they need. They know this program is funded by the alumni and take full advantage of the opportunity.

As you can clearly see, your donations are being put to good use. The Foundation maintains as small of an operating budget as is possible. Through your continued support, we continue to sponsor the services, assistance, scholarships, reunions, communications, and events that make Beta Phi the best possible fraternity at Purdue. Your support is greatly appreciated. Make note of our upcoming events and join us. You will be impressed with what you find.

In the bonds of φφα,  
**Joe Conti '85**

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## Beta Phi Sets Its Sights on Philanthropy and Academics This Spring



Left: Beta Phi members volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club. Middle: Pike members and their dates at formal in Louisville, Kentucky. Right: Last winter, Pike joined the women of Alpha Xi Delta for an evening of ice skating.

Read about  
the chapter  
on page 2!



*All of the sororities, brothers, and the West Lafayette Fire Department firefighters who participated in our Fireman's Challenge philanthropy.*

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The fall semester was very successful for Pi Kappa Alpha. We initiated 25 of the best men Purdue has to offer. Grades increased for the fourth semester in a row from a 2.82 last spring to a 2.91 GPA. Through our annual Fireman's Challenge philanthropy, we were able to raise \$4,200 for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. This placed us ninth out of 41 fraternities in philanthropy dollars raised.

In addition, due to our weekly participation volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club of Lafayette, our brothers traveling on mission trips, Purdue University Dance Marathon, and many other philanthropy and community service events, we put in 2,098 community

service hours. This placed us in second among all fraternities at Purdue. I could not be happier with the effort and time brothers put in to help us reach this ranking.

This spring promises to be just as, if not more, successful. The beginning of the semester has brought lots of change as eight of our 10 executive board members have had no prior executive experience. This is very much the result of the torch being passed to younger classes, that are bringing lots of energy and ideas to their new positions. We currently have 14 promising new members being educated in the ways of Pi Kappa Alpha. We are continuing our philanthropic work by participating in Purdue's Relay for Life to raise money for

the American Cancer Society, and have raised more than \$1,500 already, placing us first among fraternities and second among all Greek participants. This semester, I hope to again increase our GPA while continuing our dominance philanthropically on campus.

Alumni can donate by April 8 to our Relay for Life team by visiting <https://goo.gl/t7iHvw>. We truly appreciate your support in this endeavor.



In the bonds of φφκα,  
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## LOYAL DONORS, YOUR GIFTS SENT 18 BETA PHIS TO LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

In 2015, 50 alumni invested in Beta Phi's undergraduate members and the annual campaign. Thank you to those who committed more than \$13,000 in 2015 and sent 18 undergraduates to training provided by our national headquarters. Your gifts help create future leaders!

## CHAPTER OFFICERS

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**Andrew McGowan '17**  
 Fishers, Ind.

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# CHARLIE HETRICK '63 URGES ALUMNI TO GET INVOLVED WITH BETA PHI

Through my affiliation with Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, I've had the opportunity to meet and get to know many outstanding individuals. These men have a strong moral and ethical presence; they focus on family and community and not themselves. These men are my mentors, friends, and cohorts. It started early in my life. My folks had "college friends" who were part of our extended family. Only after I joined Pike at Purdue did I realize there was a deeper connection. Dad joined Beta Phi in 1922 and was in one of the earliest classes (pin number 61). Some of these "college friends" were charter members of Beta Phi. They had developed a bond that lasted the rest of their lives. These men were all outstanding individuals.

At Purdue, I developed close friendships with men living in the house at that time. Everyone can relate to the special friends you have as a brother. Many of these individuals have had successful careers and are leaders in their various fields of endeavor. Others have focused on developing young people and making major contributions to their communities. All are outstanding individuals. As an officer, I had the privilege of working with alumni through the Home Association. We were building the house on University Street at the time and these men spent a lot of time making that happen. These men had successful careers with busy schedules, yet took time to work with the Chapter. All were outstanding individuals.

Over the years, I've worked with various alumni groups in different capacities. Our most recent project was the remodeling of the house. Alumni from the mentoring group, Home Association, and Beta Phi Foundation were involved in this effort over a four-year period. Ages ranged from 1950s graduates to current officers—a 60-year span. The group had varied professions and came from many locations. While there were differences in opinions and heated discussions on various subjects, this diverse group worked together to get this significant project done on time and on budget. Each showed a commitment to give back to an organization that helped them be the men they are today. In spite of all

these differences, there was a common culture we all shared—this thing we call brotherhood. Our success as a fraternity is dependent on us maintaining that culture. That is the role of alumni: to train, mentor, coach, council, and advise undergraduates so that the Beta Phi culture continues to produce outstanding men.

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On occasion we hear an alumnus comment, "The fraternity isn't like it was when I was in school." That's right; Beta Phi isn't the same as it was decades ago. We have seen dynamic changes since being chartered at Purdue. The fraternity has accepted racial diversity and eliminated hazing. Cell phones and social media have resulted in increased risk and liability. Classes are at all hours of the day and evening, making a sit-down dinner with everyone present impossible. The University trying to curb irresponsible behavior of student organizations continues to tighten behavioral rules. University life will continue to change and Beta Phi will have to adapt if we want to survive. Maintaining our culture of trust and brotherhood amid this change requires constant attention and monitoring by alumni. So, when you have that feeling that Beta Phi isn't like it used to be, ask yourself what you are doing to help keep that culture of trust and brotherhood alive and healthy. Have you offered to participate? We need alumni to mentor and provide advice to the current Chapter. Have you contributed financially? We need money to maintain alumni support records, publish the *Candlelight* to keep alumni informed, to pay for Chapter officer training, and to assist with scholastic tutoring and scholarships. If you haven't offered to help, give it some thought. You will get a chance to meet and become friends with some truly outstanding men of all ages.

Last December, I had a special opportunity and privilege of putting my father's fraternity pin on my grandson at his initiation. I look forward to getting to know this next generation of Pikes. From what I've seen so far, they are an outstanding group of individuals.

In the bonds of φφκα,  
**Charlie Hetrick '63**

## Welcome, New Initiates

**Jordan Bryan '19** / Rumson, N.J.

**Connor Chambers '19** / West Lafayette, Ind.

**Josh Dailey '19** / Louisville, Ky.

**Jacob Dicke '19** / Los Gatos, Calif.

**Alex Durre '19** / Fort Wayne, Ind.

**Justin Foster '19** / Naperville, Ill.

**Sebastian Gonzalez '19** / Monterrey, Mexico

**Michael Greenfield '19\*** / Clive, Iowa  
(Father **Jerry Greenfield**, *Delta Omicron '81*;  
Brother **Patrick Greenfield**, *Beta Mu '15*)

**Josh Hartzog '19** / Fort Wayne, Ind.

**Zach Hetrick '19\*** / Lemont, Ill.  
(Grandfather **Charlie Hetrick '63**)

**Austin Hoffmann '19** / Fort Wayne, Ind.

**Joey Insko '19** / Philpot, Ky.

**Charlie Meisel '19** / Livingston, N.J.

**Cameron Miller '19** / Fort Wayne, Ind.

**Jess Partin '19** / Indianapolis, Ind.

**Caelan Priddy '19\*** / Indianapolis, Ind.  
(Brother **Connor Priddy '16**)

**Mitchell Reeser '19** / Decatur, Ill.

**Kobe Richardson '19** / Somerset Sandys, Bermuda

**Isaiah Rose-LeBeau '19** / Indianapolis, Ind.

**Austin Rush '18** / Jacksonville, Ind.

**Elijah Scherrer '19** / Fort Wayne, Ind.

**Avery Szatny '19** / Houston, Texas

**Bailey Weber '19** / Fort Wayne, Ind.

**Charles Whitaker '19\*** / Delphi, Ind.  
(Brother **Cole Whitaker '17**)

**Patrick Williams '19** / Manchester, N.J.

\*Legacy; relative in parentheses

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## SAVE THE DATE

### Beta Phi Annual Golf Outing and Reunion

Mark your calendars and start putting  
your foursomes together!

Saturday, June 18, at Ackerman-Allen Course  
Father/Son or Member/Guest

Alumni: \$125

Undergraduates: \$70

Lunch and dinner are included; lunch will be served from 10 a.m. until the shotgun start at 12 p.m. at the newly remodeled Ackerman-Allen Course. We will meet at the Chapter House at 4:30 p.m. for a raffle, prizes, and dinner.

Cold beverages will follow at Harry's. Be on the lookout for the registration information later this spring. We hope to see a record turnout for the event. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place, as well as drawings for everyone during dinner.

Contact **Josh Bellman '08** at [josh.bellman@gmail.com](mailto:josh.bellman@gmail.com), or **Ben Phillips '10** at [benphillips.purdue@gmail.com](mailto:benphillips.purdue@gmail.com) with questions.

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