



THETA CHI

FRATERNITY

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Nominated by: Alpha Pi/Minnesota

Education:

B.A. – Economics and History, University of Minnesota

Summary of Professional Background:

Over the course of my 30-year career, I have spent 25 years with Norwest/Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, primarily in underwriting and underwriting management. Seventeen of those years have been in leadership roles, including managing teams of up to 150 members.

I currently serve as a Business Execution Consultant, where I partner with multiple internal groups to resolve issues on individual loan applications and ensure they move smoothly through the process. It has been a deeply rewarding career—homeownership is the largest investment most Americans make, and our company’s commitment to supporting Low- and Moderate-Income families is a mission I’m proud to advance.



Summary of Service to Theta Chi as a Collegiate Member:

While I was a collegian, I was Marshal, Secretary, and Vice President. Additionally, I was a Rho Chi (Rush Counselor) at the University of Minnesota.

Summary of Service to Theta Chi as an Alumnus:

Housing Corporation: President, Theta Chi Housing Corporation of Minnesota; member for 13 years

International Service:

- Standards Committee, 2022–2024
- Two-time Facilitator, Initiative Academy
- Attended seven International Conventions

Awards: George T. Kilavos Alumni Award (from the Grand Chapter); George T. Kilavos Alumni Award (from Theta Chi Alumni Association of Minnesota); Citation of Honor (from Theta Chi Alumni Association of Minnesota); David E. DeVol Award; Silver Legion

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Summary of Volunteer Service Beyond Theta Chi:

Most of my volunteer opportunities have revolved around my children's athletics. I was a soccer coach with Three Rivers Soccer Association for six years. I have been on the Roger's Youth Lacrosse Association as Treasurer and Coaching Director. I have also coached for four years and have been an evaluator for tryouts and trainer for multiple different years as well. I have volunteered in different capacities at our church as well, Word of Peace Lutheran Church, in many small roles such as greeter or helping in the kitchen for meals.

Summary of Vision for Theta Chi's Future:

My decades of involvement at the local level—and the experience of having children active in Greek life today—give me a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing this generation of students.

Our Alpha Pi Housing Corporation maintains a close relationship with our collegiate chapter. I meet with every pledge class before initiation to introduce myself and ensure they know they can reach out—whether something positive or concerning is happening. I tell them I can be three things: their landlord, their dad, or their brother. I prefer not to be the first two; being their brother is what matters most. This approach has helped build genuine relationships, and I hope to help foster this culture throughout Theta Chi.

I am passionate about strengthening alumni engagement and supporting Housing Corporations, Alumni Boards, and Chapter Advisory Boards (CABs). These groups form the backbone of strong collegiate chapters. They must provide guidance and support—sometimes as the adult in the room—but never as adversaries. We are Brothers.

My service on the Standards Committee has also given me deeper insight into the challenges some members and chapters face. I speak often with our chapter about values, conduct, and accountability because the risks to our Fraternity are too great to ignore. I've been part of difficult conversations and decisions, but our collegians have trusted me with honesty and openness. I want to extend that same support to any member of Theta Chi.

Additional Relevant Background/Experience that Qualifies for Service on the Grand Chapter:

I live in Rogers, MN, a suburb of Minneapolis, with my wife, Dawn. We've been married nearly 30 years, having met during my college days. We are blessed with three children.

Our daughter, Drew, is an Alpha Phi from the University of Wisconsin and now works as a senior consultant at Deloitte. Our son, Joshua (Josh), is a Theta Chi at Chi Chapter, Auburn University, majoring in Business Analytics. Our daughter, Devon, passed away at 3½ years old due to Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. Her life—and the support my family received from Theta Chi during those years—continues to inspire my involvement with the Fraternity. The Assisting Hand extended to us shaped my commitment to giving back in my post-graduate years.