



# Alpha Rho Chi

National Professional Fraternity for Architecture and the Allied Arts

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Dear Brothers,

Today we acknowledge and celebrate the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the start of Alpha Rho Chi. On this day in 1914 in Chicago, architecture students from the University of Illinois and the University of Michigan joined their societies together to form our fraternity.

If you have ever served in a leadership role in your chapter or as an alumnus, you know how much work is involved in planning an event, coordinating people, finding funds, and working the schedule. Imagine trying to do all of those things without computers, the internet, and smartphones. Imagine that no one you know has a car—the Ford Model T was only 6 years old in 1914—and there are virtually no paved roads to drive on anyway. Yet somehow, these ambitious young men found their way to the Hotel Sherman, crafted some formal documents, declared Alpha Rho Chi to exist, and became brothers. Fidelitas, Amor et Artes!

A few months ago, we received a letter from Stanley Markey, an alumnus from the Mnesicles chapter. His letter read:

*GREETINGS TO ALPHA RHO CHI  
January 12, 2017*

*Hail Brethren:*

*On a snowy Minnesota morning, the USPS delivered my annual Dues Notice from our Worthy Grand Estimator, to the comfortable senior facility complex where I enjoy my life in retirement on the south shore of Loon Lake.*

*Somehow, it reminded me of eighty-one years ago, the snowy Winter of 1936. Part of my chores as a Mnesicles pledge was to shovel the sidewalks at our imposing Chapter House designed by Cass Gilbert (315 Nineteenth Ave. S.E.), across the street from University of Minnesota Field House. Yeah, that fieldhouse was where the basketball Gophers fought Ohio State, and Bud Grant was a star player in basketball (and football). World War II brought hard times, and our APX Mnesicles house had to be sold to a different fraternity. But I am grateful for those years as a young architectural student, so much to learn, and friends to learn from and with: Rex Galles, Ed Lofstrom, Bob Calrow, Les Morley, Bill Coffmann, Maurice McGrann, Winthrop Wadsworth, Robert Cerny, Glenn Shifflet, Sid Stolte, Hal Fridlund, Walter Barnes, and so many others!*

*Fred Mann was head of the School of Architecture, S. Chatwood Burton head of the Art Department, but Ivan Doseff from Bulgaria was my favorite freehand drawing instructor. At the APX house, Ma Price kept everyone fed and mothered, including hot lunches in the APX dining room on school days.*

*Enjoy your College Life, learn well, form lasting friendships, and may your Future be great!*

*Stanley E. Markey, P.E.*

So, with a cup of friendship lifted to Brother Markey, to all my APX brothers past, present, and future, and to our great fraternity: Happy 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday, Alpha Rho Chi!

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil Buckberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Phil Buckberg  
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