

ARCHIVES

IOTA DELTA CHAPTER

CHI PHI FRATERNITY

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

An unofficial motto of the Chi Phi Fraternity at Indiana University states, "Something worthwhile is worth working for." Since the inception of Iota Delta Chapter, the members of this Brotherhood have continually shown their faith in this motto. In building, maintaining, and strengthening a chapter which represents the essence of fraternal spirit and which reflects the true and lasting teachings of one of the most respected of college fraternities, the brothers have given their all.

In this same spirit, the Archives of Iota Delta Chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity are presented as a memento of appreciation of these men, and as a testimony to the conviction that Chi Phi will continue in the tradition of its founders, being never content to rest upon the laurels of past achievement but instead looking to the future with even wider visions.

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The original portion of the Archives consists of the history of the Chakett Club and of Iota Delta Chapter, and it covers the period ended August 31, 1961. A running history of the chapter will be added at the end of each semester by the Zeta.

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A CHALLENGE

I am not afraid that the men called Chi Phi should ever cease to exist. But I am afraid lest they should exist only as a dead sect, having the form of fraternity without the brotherhood. Therefore we must hold fast both the doctrine, spirit and discipline with which they first set out.

Too many of us find time for everything except Chi Phi. To a large degree we have lost our fighting spirit, our desire and our passion to witness, and have become content with the status quo of things.

Good organization, a beautiful house, well-planned events add much to the effectiveness of any organization. But these things are effective only if we use them for the purpose of building brotherhood. They must not be ends within themselves. Unless the desire to gain brotherhood is the motive for all that we do, our efforts will be as nothing in the sight of fraternalism.

How many today spend even as much as fifteen minutes a day in helping a brother? How many even take the time to ask? How many of us have spoken to someone within the last week and told him that we are concerned about him and would like to see him accept brotherhood and take full advantage of the fellowship therein contained?

Do not the most of us simply leave Brotherhood out of our conversation for fear we may be called fanatics?

I love the Chi Phi Fraternity and am a Chi Phi by conviction. Other Fraternities have their good points and many of their members are sincere. We can learn much from them.

But I cannot say that it makes no difference to what fraternity I belong. If I had not felt that I could serve better in the Chi Phi Fraternity than any other, then I would have left it and found another home.

Surely everyone has the right to request membership to the fraternity of his choice. But once he has chosen and been accepted by that Brotherhood, he should devote his time, his talents, and his gifts to that fraternity. He should study his fraternity and seek to make it better. To be an effective worker he must give his whole heart and self to it.

If we are to continue as one of the greatest groups in organized fraternalism, we must rededicate our lives to Chi Phi. We must awake to the needs of those around us, seek strength from Christ, and go forth unashamed to win the select for Chi Phi.

Let us teach our members that Brotherhood is more than being a member of a fraternity and attending its functions when the spirit moves us.

When we become concerned about others, then there will be no danger of Chi Phi "having the form of Fraternity without Brotherhood."