



Donald E. Breckenridge '53

Has been elected to membership in the

Beta Phi Hall of Honor Class of 2002

After pledging in 1949, Brother Breckenridge was A Blue Key Member and a Letterman on the Arizona Baseball Team. After graduation in 1953 with a degree in business administration, Brother Breckenridge eventually founded the Breckenridge-Smith Development Company in 1960. The business was formed to develop 200 acres of residential property in West St. Louis, MO., into Thornhill Estates. Two years later, he developed 65 lots to be sold in nearby Bryn-Wick. He founded Breckenridge Hotels Corporation in 1963, a business that developed more than 30 hotels and two country clubs in the past 35 years.

In 1974, the first Breckenridge Inn opened in St. Petersburg, FL. In following years, Brother Breckenridge founded hotels in various cities across the Midwest.

Brother Breckenridge has also been on the forefront of country club development. He developed the Country Club at the Legends in St. Louis- a Robert Trent Jones Private Country Club- and Lely Resort in Naples, FL. Since 1998, he has been developing an 850-acre Residential Development in Eureka, MO.

Brother Breckenridge has also been active in the community. He is a former Chairman of the American Cancer Society, Director of the Loretto-Hilton Repertory Theater and Trustee of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Brother Breckenridge served on the Board of Directors of the Muscular Dystrophy Association from 1975 to 1992, and was on the Board of Directors of the Variety Club for 10 years.

He said his experiences in Sigma Chi helped set the foundation for his life's success. "It has served as a great foundation to me in career development and relationships," he said.

Prior to his induction into the Beta Phi Hall of Honor, Brother Breckenridge was honored by the Sigma Chi Fraternity in being named a "Significant Sig".