



Theodore Paul "Ted" Brookhart '63, '65

Has been elected to membership in the

*Beta Phi Hall of Honor
Class of 2008*

Born in Washington, DC where his father had been Consul of the Epsilon Chapter, Brother Brookhart enrolled at Iowa State University where he became the ninth member of his family to be initiated into Sigma Chi. In 1958, after two Iowa winters; Ted transferred to Arizona and affiliated with the Beta Phi Chapter.

Involved with the chapter at every level while an undergraduate, Brother Brookhart's commitment to the Fraternity has been lifelong. Serving as co-chairman of Beta Phi's first Derby Days, Ted also was co-chairman of Homecoming, House Manager, Assistant Quaestor, and helped the chapter and brothers wherever needed.

As an undergraduate, Brother Brookhart was a letterman on the wrestling team, a cartoonist for *The Arizona Daily Wildcat*, served on the University's Homecoming, Elections, and Spring Sing committees, and was a member of the architecture and business honoraries. Graduating in 1963, Ted went on to receive a double Master's degree in Public Administration and Metropolitan and Regional Planning. He graduated at the top of his class in 1965.

Moving to Phoenix, Ted immediately assumed an active role with the Phoenix Alumni Chapter and the Epsilon Upsilon chapter at Arizona State. He served seven terms as Alumni Chapter President, eight years as the Epsilon Upsilon Chapter Advisor, and was a 25-year member of their Housing Corporation with eleven of those in the role of President.

In 1979, Brother Brookhart began a 10-year term as the Grand Praetor of the Southwestern Province. He has attended nine Grand Chapters, twelve Sigma Chi International Workshops, and has participated in six chapter installations and over 90 initiations.

In his professional life, Ted has also excelled. As a City Planner for Phoenix for over 30 years, he served in various roles ranging from Chief Planner for the award winning Mountain Reserve Plan to supervising Research, Neighborhood Planning, Redevelopment, Downtown Revitalization, and Sign Regulation. He retired in 1997 as the City's Zoning Administrator having heard over 11,000 requests for zoning variances and use permits. He continues as a contract hearing officer for the city. Ted is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and has served as Chapter President and on the National Board of Examiners.

In his own words, "Other than convincing Sharee to be my wife which resulted in my children and grand children, Sigma Chi has been the highlight of my life. The teachings of our ritual have served me well in my personal and professional life." A recipient of our Fraternity's highest individual recognition, the Order of Constantine, Brother Brookhart is broadly recognized as a brother to have worn the white cross in a manner that our seven founders would have commended. The Beta Phi Chapter is honored to induct Brother Ted Brookhart into the Beta Phi Hall of Honor.

