

Brothers attend Pig Dinner

After a 4 year hiatus, we finally had a great gathering of 69 Brothers for Pig Dinner on October 13th.



Thanks to the strong support from John Melick '84, Bob Pierce '83 and Kevin Gilligan '82, we had a rejuvenated level of support from the Undergrads (this is really their party!) to prepare for it, and 38 of them joining us for the festivities. After some good reminiscing before the dinner, Conor York '25 lead us in the Doxology, followed by the invocation led by John Melick.



York



Melick



Wolf

Engemann

As the group sang "Bringing in the Pig", Henry Wolf '25 and Will Engemann '25 carried in the pig to allow the ceremonial welcomes to the pig were carried out by Michigan All-American Wrestler, Bob Spaly '65, and Youngest Member, Jake Martin '27. The traditional Exile's Toast was delivered by Andy Morris '25, complete with accent.



Spaly



Martin



Morris

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Yes, the dinner was Pig, skillfully prepared by our own chef, Joe Wiitala.



Master of Ceremonies, Gordy Erley '82 got the program rolling to listen to our keynote speaker, Orlando Cabrera '84. The strong message reinforced how durable our friendships are that we make as Brothers at 707. These thoughts were reinforced by Ken Harris '82 with a story of how Orlando personally went beyond the standards of a regular friendship to help Ken solve a problem he brought to Orlando. Our speaker not only talked about the value of friendship, but he showed how he lived it.



Erley



Harris



Cabrera

Kelley Rea '66, President of the Phi Gamma Delta of Michigan Foundation, presented 5 Special Awards for Undergraduate recognition. Shown here with Keiran Boerema, one of the recipients. Other pictures did not turn out. Here are the awards.

Keiran Boerema
Lucas Volpenhein
Niko Makris
Rodrigo Valazsco
Mitchell Wolfe

Reynolds Rich Smith Award
Harmon St Clair Award
Norman/Rea Endowed Funds Scholarship
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Boerema Rea

Dave Tremonti '85, President of the Alpha Phi House Corp, commented on how things are going with the management of the property at 707, and Chapter President, Henry Wolf '25, spoke about the current status of the chapter, and their goals for moving ahead. The formal part of the dinner closed with singing "When College Songs and College Lays" lead by our Section Chief, Ryan McFarland 'Beta Sigma '02.



Tremonti



Wolf



McFarland

There was more to the evening than just the dinner. Of course, there was the reconnecting, but several memories of the past were put on display. We had Snowy the owl, several albums of pictures from the past, Secretary's notebook of minutes from the past cabinets,



Richard Pinkerton '54 donated a table of Michigan memorabilia, some dating back over 70 years. He generously invited Brothers to take any items they would like to have. The Michigauma glasses were most popular.



Chain

Can you believe our chain has links that date back to the 1800s? It's a lot of links, but Brothers had fun locating their own link.

The football game did not go as well as hoped. Since the game was sold out back in June, there were not any group seats available. We then tried a watch party at the Wolverine Brewery, but only a few attendees for Pig did not already have tickets to the game. So, the few ended up watching it at the house enjoying non-alcoholic beverages. Thank you Paul Heininger '74 for solving the technical issues to make it happen.

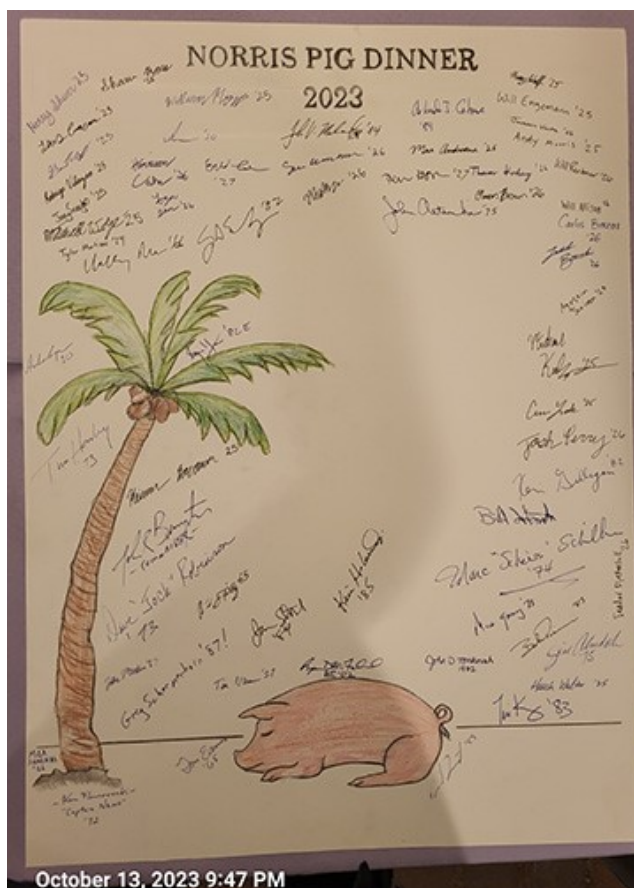


70's Brothers reunite
Robinson Almdale Bevington Garry Schiller

Check out who came to Pig this year
(You could have connected if you had come!)

Grads

James Almdale	1975
John Artemenko	1975
John Bevington	1972
Orlando J. Cabrera	1984
John D. Tonkovich	1972
Tom Eames	1965
Gordon Erley	1982
Michael Garry	1973
Kevin Gilligan	1982
Tim Hanley	1973
Ken Harris	1982
Paul Heininger	1974
Kevin Holowicki	1985
Tim Kay	1983
Ryan McFarland	2002
John Melick	1984
Ken Nemerovski	1972
Alex Norman	2021
Jeff Norman	1989
Bob Pierce	1983
Kelley Rea	1966
Dave Robinson	1973
Gregory Schermerhorn	1987
Marc Schiller	1974
Bill Solinski	1984
Bob Spaly	1965
Jim Stahl	1984
David Tremonti	1985
Hank Walter	1985
Ron Weiner	1984




See you next year.

Ugrads

Andrew Brown	2026
Vincent Maribao	2025
Will Allison	2026
Keiran Boerema	2025
Jackson Borowski	2026
Carlos Bracerias	2026
Owen Brown	2026
Harrison Cahn	2026
Louis Ciccone	2025
Teodor Dieperink	2026
Will Engemann	2025
Logan Givens	2026
Jackson Glass	2026
Sam Kaminski	2026
Thomas Karlseng	2026
Michael Keoleian	2025
Erik Lee	2027
Grant Link	2025
Niko Makris	2025
Tyler Martinez	2024
Andrew Morris	2025
William Moss	2025
Kenny Pepper	2025
Joshua Perry	2026
Jackson Philipp	2026
William Rechner	2026
Shane Ross	2025
Joey Sceglia	2025
Collin Scheuher	2025
Max Sharnas	2026
Rodrigo Velazco	2025
Tim Vlahos	2027
Jackson Vontz	2026
Jake Wallace	2025
Henry Wolf	2025
Mitchell Wolfe	2025
Conor York	2025
JP	2026



Keynote Speaker

 **Orlando J. Cabrera, '84,** formerly served as the HUD's assistant secretary and is widely recognized for his work as a lawyer in the affordable housing industry.




A Special Thanks to...
All members of the Alpha Phi Board, the Housing Board, Cabinet members, and all Alumni for helping to make this Pig Dinner a reality. This is the first Pig Dinner in 5 years, and it would not be possible without all of you!

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