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AGR 2nd Century at NDSU

Fireside Chatter

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Check Out Our Website

www.agrfargo.org

Can YOU Put Us Over-the-Top by Founders Day? \$160,000 to Go!

“The fourth quarter is ticking down and we’re standing on the goal line,” says Gregg Halverson



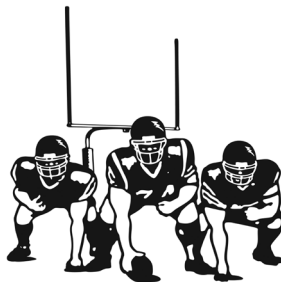
’71, Campaign Committee Chair. “What we need is one more strong push to put us over-the-top of our \$1.75 million goal. Our game stats are impressive. Over 270 donors have

gotten us to within 90% of our final figure. But that’s only 28% of brothers. I know we can do this. In the final weeks before Founders Day – March 28 - there’s ample opportunity for undergraduates and alumni to step forward with a gift. Now is definitely the time to act!”

See Page 5 to Make Your Pledge Today

Gifts of all sizes are appreciated. Here’s a breakdown of Epsilon gifts to date:

- 27 gifts of up to \$499
- 35 gifts of \$500-\$999
- 102 gifts of \$1,000-\$4,999
- 47 gifts of \$5,000-\$9,999
- 39 gifts of \$10,000-\$24,999
- 12 gifts of \$25,000-\$49,999
- 4 gifts of \$50,000-\$99,999
- 1 gift of \$250,000



Rules for Generous Giving

1. Protect your spouse, and remember your family.
2. Give enough so you care how it’s spent.
3. Give until you feel good about what you can do.
4. Honor yourself, your family and your friends.
5. Leave a legacy for which you may be remembered.
6. Consider AGR’s impact on you as a student and as an alumnus. Will you strengthen the legacy for future leaders of the ag industry by making a pledge?



Regional Meetings Draw Brothers from Far and Wide!



Four regional meetings hosted in Fargo, Grand Forks, Alexandria, MN, and Phoenix, AZ have given alumni one more opportunity to review and discuss Epsilon's 2nd century vision. Hosted by Keith

Bjerke '61, 28 alumni gathered in Arizona (see above). "We had a very positive group," says Keith, "with much sharing, eating and singing. The brotherhood is alive and well!"

Naming Opportunities Are Popular with Alumni

With a gift of \$100,000 or more, you could name the Epsilon Scholarship Fund. Such a gift would ensure our campaign's success by putting us over the \$1.75 million mark! The Scholarship Fund is the third pillar of the 2nd Century project, and would enhance Epsilon's visibility on and off campus with potential new members. Other naming opportunities include:

For a gift of \$10,000 or more: individual resident rooms including 2 new rooms created by the expansion.

Gifts of \$50,000 to \$99,999: Patio, Game Room, 2nd and 3rd Floor Study Room

All gifts of \$1,000 or more will be permanently acknowledged at the chapter house at the conclusion of the campaign.

Tribute gifts have raised \$87,000 plus!

Thank you to our donors, Tribute Chair Don Schwartz '57 and his volunteer team

Dr. Omar Orlando Churchill, Madelyn Stringer and Sally Osborn are the most recent tributes to be added to the campaign.

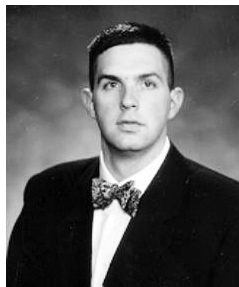


"The upgrading at 1303 is a necessary and exciting project. The support of the brothers has been overwhelming and fun. The students of today are dedicated and motivated for all the right reasons and deserve our strong commitment to the future of Epsilon."

—Keith Bjerke '61

Are Undergraduates Pledging? What Happens If We Beat Our Goal? By Brant Bigger '00

Thirty percent of our students have pledged to the campaign to date. Living on campus, paying tuition, and room and board bills, they know first-hand what the 2nd century vision is all about and the positive change this campaign will create on and off campus. With the economy in flux, their commitment now speaks volumes.



Brant Bigger –
House Corp. President

1. Preserve the financial health of the chapter
2. Maximize our facility investment to serve student needs long term
3. Increase scholarship opportunities

With that in mind, excess funds could be utilized to:

1. Upgrade the energy efficiency of the chapter house
2. Develop an operating fund dedicated to long term maintenance of the house
3. Increase the number and size of scholarships to attract “top notch” recruits
4. Possibly acquire a second lot for parking.

If you have specific questions that you would like addressed by House Corp. or the campaign team, don't hesitate to contact me at 218-234-6906 or at b_bigger@netzero.com

What if we exceed our goal?

Don't we all want to be in this situation! Given the campaign's success to date, House Corp. has carefully considered the possibilities. As volunteers we have 3 guiding principles:

Why Choose a 5-Year Pledge?

“Breathing room.” If you can't give the gift you want now, you have up to 5 years to make it happen. Reminders and payment acknowledgements will be distributed regularly.

“To make a larger gift possible.” If a 5-year pledge allows you to make a larger gift than you would ordinarily commit to, please take this opportunity. Let's face it; this project is a stretch for all of us. Epsilon hasn't conducted a project of this magnitude in our 100-year history. 270 donors have put us within \$160,000 of our goal. All gifts are appreciated – large and small, one-time gifts and 5-year pledges.

The Grand Old Man of Epsilon Chapter

By Lyle E. Nelson '48

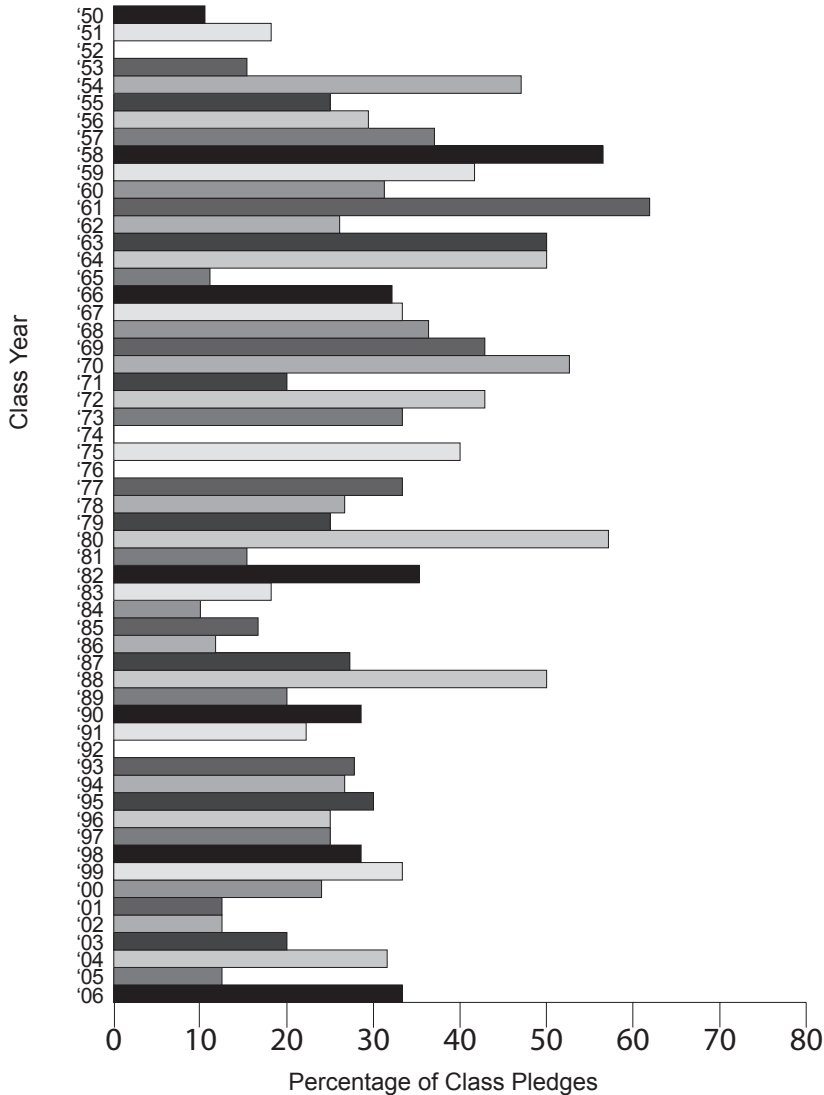
Dr. O. O. Churchill, professor of agronomy, was advisor while I was an active member in 1946-48. Doc, as he was known, joined the faculty in 1904 and was initiated into the fraternity in 1920 as member No. 88. In 1926 he became the Secretary-Treasurer of the AGR Alumni and Epsilon Building Association and then Faculty Advisor of the active chapter. Since he had been around such a long time, he

knew much of the history of North Dakota Agricultural College as NDSU was then known. He was also on the Board of Athletic Control and served as Faculty Representative on the North Central Conference Athletic Board. He was not a demanding teacher and it was not difficult to get a good grade in his courses, especially if you were an AGR or went out for intercollegiate athletics. He was much loved by the

AGRs having been the chapter advisor since 1926. Each Crescent contained the Advisor's Message on which he commented on the state of the chapter and espoused his philosophy about current affairs. When he retired in 1950 he claimed that he had all 518 members of the Epsilon Chapter, except for four or five, in his classes. In 1957 the Men's Dormitory was named Churchill Hall.



The Race is On! Which class and decade will be winners?



What's Needed to Get the Job Done?

How can we bridge the gap to reach \$1.75 million? If just 32 donors gave \$1,000 a year for 5 years, the campaign would be over. If double that number gave \$500 a year we could be done. The possibilities are endless. But one thing remains certain. The campaign needs any size gift from the greatest number of alumni and friends to make this campaign successful. To date we've heard from less than 28% of alumni, but they've brought us to within 90% of our goal!

The benefits of being a donor are clear. In addition to allowing Epsilon to maximize its leadership position on the NDSU campus with a new facility, you as the donor receive a tax deduction and permanent recognition at the chapter house if your gift is in excess of \$1,000. Your gift could also be an eternal tribute to a loved one or colleague. You have options when it comes to making your contribution. Make a one-time gift. Pledge over 5 years. Consider using securities or gifts of real estate.

Campaign Milestones:

- Epsilon volunteers have been actively campaigning for 13 months. 90.8% of the campaign goal has been pledged. Almost \$423,000 has been received helping to defray project expenses to date.
- 271 donors. 100 volunteers.
- Additional parking purchased 11/08. Chapter renting home at the site to students.
- 10 commodity gifts received. 6 security transactions. 4 IRA transfers. Other non cash options include: marketable real estate, life insurance, retirement plans.
- Almost \$200,000 raised since campaign kick-off in October 2008.

Epsilon Batting 1000 on Matching Gifts

Over 12 employers have contributed to date

Contact Bill Harbeke at 701-277-9681 today if you think you might be eligible for a match (email at goldieh@juno.com). He'll make the process easy for you to leverage additional dollars through your personal contribution. Every dollar counts!

Want to Make Your Pledge Or Upgrade Your Commitment?

Complete this certificate and send to Bill Harbeke, Campaign Coordinator

A possible tax deduction, a 5-year pay-out... all good reasons to make or increase your pledge to the 2nd Century Campaign. The need is clear. Our 80-year old facility is threatening our viability on the NDSU campus. Without strong, chapter-wide support, Epsilon will not continue to provide future leaders for the agriculture and food industry. Make your pledge today, or if increasing your pledge/gift is possible, please complete the following where appropriate, and remit to Bill Harbeke, 746 14 1/2 Avenue East, West Fargo, ND 58078.

Please Check Where Appropriate:

___ I/we wish to make a pledge to the 2nd Century Campaign so Epsilon is assured of reaching its goal of \$1.75 million by Founders' Day 2009.

Please indicate your payment schedule for the years indicated:

2009 _____ 2010 _____
2011 _____ 2012 _____
2013 _____ Other: _____

Upgrade Your Pledge?

I/we will increase my/our pledge to a total of _____, payable over 5 years.

Increase Your Gift?

___ Please add the enclosed to my total gift to the renovation effort.

Interested in a Tribute?

Please add or attribute my Epsilon contribution in recognition of:

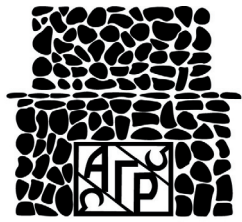
Signed: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Graduating Year: _____





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 AGR 2nd Century at NDSU

Epsilon Donor Roster

AGR Centennial Campaign at NDSU

Goal: \$1,750,000

Amount Pledged/Gifted to date: \$1,589,308.91

Amount Collected: \$423,331.19

Percent Pledged: 90.8% Percent Collected: 26.6%

Total Number of Contributors: 271 As of 2-28-09

\$250,000 or more

Number of Gifts Needed: 1
 Number of Gifts to date: 1

David & Marlys Sunderland '68

\$100,000 - \$249,999

Number of Gifts Needed: 2
 Number of Gifts to date: 0

\$50,000 - \$99,999

Number of Gifts Needed: 5
 Number of Gifts to date: 4

John Giese '80
 Gregg Halverson '71
 Roger Kenner '71
 Corey Martin '98

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Number of Gifts Needed: 12
 Number of Gifts to date: 12

Randall C. Aarestad '77
 John, Grant, & Noah Anderson '80, '04, '06
 Allen Giese '82
 Bill & Geri Harbeke '69
 Allan Johnson '68
 Earl Marifjeren '54
 Gerald Puppe '60
 Randy Reber '80
 Peter Shockman '78
 Dave Vipond '79
 Mike Vipond '82
 Ray York '70

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Number of Gifts Needed: 30
 Number of Gifts to date: 39

Michael Anderson '68
 Joseph L., Christopher, Joseph M. &
 Mark Bata '72, '00, '04, '06

Darby Bauer '91
 Jack & Ken Berg '00, '04
 Keith Bjerke '61
 Neal R. Bjornson '58
 Jack Brown '60
 Don & Kristi Carlson '97
 John R., Jeffrey L., John S. Dahl '51, '78, '82
 Bruce & Tom Fagerholt '70, '00
 Bill Finley '70
 Dr. Gary B. Gibbons '55
 Bernie Goodman '68
 Frederick J. Haas '61
 Jared Hagert '98
 Warren & Kevin Hall '06
 John & Eric Halverson '99, '99
 Craig Hanson '90
 Jim, Jamie & Clair Hauge '70 '95 '00
 Merrill Johnson '56
 Myron Johnsrud '57
 Aaron Kleingartner '01
 Robert Knorr '65
 Clint Kurtz '60
 Carl Larson '62
 Tom Lilja '92
 Travis Maddock '93
 Andrew Moquist '04
 Lyle E. Nelson '48
 Joe S. & Joan Ruliffson '56
 Howard Schmid '58
 Donald F. Schwartz '57
 Myron Senechal '66
 Mark Sletten '77
 Tim & Mark Vipond '83 '88
 Jason Wildung '96
 Ryan Wingenbach '00
 Jarvis York '99
 Bruce Zavalney '77

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Number of Gifts Needed: 50
 Number of Gifts to date: 47

Charles Aarestad '11
 Arnold M. Amundson '62
 Lester Amundson '56

Dale Anderson '59
 Jacob Bailey '08
 Charles Bateman '61
 Ronald, Nicholas, Matthew, & Christopher Beneda '78, '03, '05
 Brant Bigger '00
 Alan Blume '80
 Dale Blume '73
 Anonymous
 Dick Clark '53
 Rich Clemenson '63
 Jason Eckert '93
 Orian Fjestad '59
 Robert Geston '50
 Greg Goodman '99
 George W. Hildre '55
 Howard Huebner '79
 Robert Jerger '70
 Dennis E. Johnson '66
 Roy H. Johnson '50
 Russ Johnson '69
 Jim Kokett '88
 Anthony Larson '95
 David A. Lee '66
 Tom Lipetzky '83
 Terry Lorenzen '58
 Brad Maier '94
 Allyn Marifjeren '58
 Randall A. Mauch '72
 Lyle Moe '58
 Wade Moser '79
 Jamie Nettum '99
 Roy Simonson '34
 Terry Skjerseth '72
 James Sletten '71
 Jeffrey Strang '98
 Donald Strickler '66
 Kenneth Thompson '58
 Jim Thormodson '87
 Matt Titus '93
 Tom Trost '80
 Aaron Vadnais '08
 Archie & Dave Wanner '80, '80
 Dan Weiler '85
 Steve Wosick '08

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Number of Gifts Needed: 175
 Number of Gifts to date: 104

Clarence W. Anderson '58
 Vince Anez '89
 Gary Askim '69
 Justin Askim '05
 Donald Bahl '44
 Darrell Ballweg '61
 Troy Bassingthwaite '98
 Matthew Benz '80
 Cliff Berg '67
 Lannis Bergsgaard '64
 Dixon Best '49
 Marlo Brackelsberg '62
 Paul Brackelsberg '61
 Gerald Buelow '59
 Cody Chesrown '04
 Neal Coit '79
 Thomas W. Cotton '82
 Leonard Dalzell '53
 Matt Danuser '93
 Joshua Dukart '03
 Donavan Eck '63
 Mark Ellison '83
 Blaine Erovick
 Donavon Evashenko, Sr. '61
 Ben Farner '63
 Fred J. Flanders '58
 Mark A. Foster '87
 Tom Gates '56
 Brad Giese '90
 Keith L. Gemmill '78
 Greg & Val Gorder
 Joyce Gorder
 Justin Green '01
 Harlow Grove '72
 Allyn Hart '61
 Curtis Hartmann '82
 Clayton Hauge '53
 Dean Hefta '87
 Maynard Helgaas '57
 Blaine Hopfauf '89
 H. Frank Hughes '58
 Maynard J. Iverson '61
 IVY Partners



Ralph D. Johnson '43
Ted A. Johnson '75
Bob Knudson '58
Blaine Kummer '02
Mark Lampert '87
Jon Lee '97
Leonard Leikas '66
Stu Letcher '90
Dallas Loff '02
Dan Lugert '04
Darryl Lutovsky '68
Richard J. Lutovsky '68
Paul Marchell '63
Andrew L. Mauch '06
Glenn McCrory '63
Lee McLaughlin '69
Dave Mork
Ron Mueller '81
Jerry Narum '68
Steven T. Neil '88
Curtis H. Nelson '58
Al Nipstad '66
Jerome Nipstad '69
Allen Odenbach '66
Roger Olafson '70
Kenneth Olson '73
Gerald O'Keefe '59
Gary Pender '66
Gary Pfann '86
Richard L. Pfeiffer '69
Dan Phillips '99
Keith Pillatzki '94
Duane Preston '63
Gary Puppe '64
David Rinke '65
Robert Rose '64
Jim A. Ross '74
Spencer Roth '10
Ritchie Schaefer '10
Herman Schatz '61
Harley Schlichting '61
David Schneeberger '81
Al Scholes '66
Rick Seim '64
Greg Seims '08
Paul Skorheim '77
Henry N. Solberg '56
Erik Sorensen '00
Gary Spangelo '61
Larry Spong '64
Earl Stegman '59
Bob Strand '62
Eric Thesing '10
Reed Tinkham '75
Mike Tokach '86
Donald Uglem '68
Trent Velure '88
Matthew Williams '95
Nick Westman '54
Darnell Wohlk '07
Dennis L. Wold '60

\$500 - \$999

Number of Gifts Needed: 100
Number of Gifts to date: 37

Craig A. Askim '94
George Bassingthwaite '59
Michael Bjertness '11
Raymond Buelow '55
Howard & Margie Cariveau '58
Edison T. Colwell '60
John Cunningham '64
Joel Erickson '90
Richard Faught '60
Mike Farrell '63
Dale Ferebee '67
Herb French '57
Wayne H. French '63
Gene Funseth '71
C.B. "Buck" Haas '60
Donald Hart '54
Glenn Haugen '53
Dennis Hjelle '70
Chris Hoffman '99
Dennis G. Johnson '62
Kirk L. Johnson '94
Martin L. Kraninger '54
Ron Kofoid '67
Sam Landman '11
Howard L. Leland '64
Michael Malo '59
Mark Magnusson '82
Robert Mountain '58
James Ostlie '69
Donald E. Paulson '64
Robert Pile '43
Paul Renken '97
Edward S. Saugstad '63
Orlan Swenson '64
Richard Tetrault '54
Robert Tetrault '58
Gerry Uglem '70

Up to \$499

John D. Babinski '53
Gerry Bender '57
Daren Berube '88
Robert Bishop '61
Orvin C. Burnside '54
Dale Carpentier '70
Robert Elliott
Theodore "Ted" Gorder
John L. Haas '57
Larry Johnson '62
Vance Jury '67
Ronnie Krueger '63
John L. Landman '55
Ray Lutovsky '77
Adam & Jennifer Mauch
Marvin Meyer '54
Paul Myrdal '85
Ronald Nelsen '57
Tim Nordquist '73
Holbert Pfeifer, Jr. '61

Rick Quam '75
John Richards '52
Morris Roningen '57
Mike Rose '70
Patrick Stallman
David Wahus '66
Anonymous

Corporate Gifts

AdFarm

Matching Gifts

BASF
Bobcat
Caterpillar
John Deere
Pfizer
Sherwin-Williams
3M
Wells Fargo

Mrs. Ella Metcalf Tribute

- \$23,500

Co-Captains - Maynard Iverson
Merrill Johnson

Darrell Ballweg
Keith Bjerke
Tom Gates
Maynard Iverson
Frederick J. Haas
Merrill Johnson
Bob Knudson
Allyn Marifjeren
Earl Marifjeren
Glenn McCrory
Gary Puppe
Joe & Joan Ruliffson
Howard Schmid
Don Schwartz

Reg Gorder '57 Tribute - \$11,700

Captain - Howard Schmid

George Bassingthwaite
Donavon Evashenko, Sr.
Greg & Val Gorder
Joyce Gorder
Theodore "Ted" Gorder
Maynard Helgaas
Allyn Marifjeren
Howard Schmid
Don Schwartz

Darel Leetun '55 Tribute - \$5,400

Co-Captains - Myron Johnsrud
Jack Babinski

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Raymond Buelow
Howard Cariveau
Herb French
Tom Gates
Myron Johnsrud
Marvin Meyer
Don Schwartz

Ralph M. & Ralph R. Ruliffson Tribute - \$11,000

Joe S. Ruliffson
Don Schwartz

Epsilon Federal Agency Administrators Tribute - \$14,250

(Keith Bjerke, Myron Johnsrud)
Co-Captains - Neal Bjornson,
Lyle Moe

Neal Bjornson
Paul Brackelsberg
Maynard Iverson
Allyn Marifjeren
Lyle Moe
Don Schwartz

Epsilon National Grand Presidents Tribute - \$2,750

(S.K. Bjornson, Allen Johnson,
Jerry Puppe)
Captain - Jack Brown

Donavon Evashenko, Sr.
Maynard Iverson
Dennis E. Johnson
Michael Malo
Don Schwartz

Dale Anderson '59 Tribute

- \$3,000

Captain - Carl Haas

Edison T. Colwell
C.B. "Buck" Haas
Don Schwartz
Dennis L. Wold

Mel Maier '55 Tribute - \$2,000

Allyn Marifjeren
Don Schwartz

Ron Brandvold '57 Tribute

- \$2,000

Allyn Marifjeren
Don Schwartz

Mike Brandvik '60 Tribute

- \$100

Gerry Bender

Dr. O.O. Churchill - \$10,000

Lyle E. Nelson

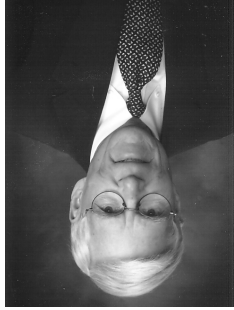
Warren Jamison Tribute - \$2,000

Gary Spangelo
Bob Strand



Don't Let 90% Be a Parking Place!

"The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking places," says Bill Finley '70, General Campaign Chair. "But Epsilon Chapter cannot afford the luxury of falling short of our goal. Too much is at stake when you consider the competitive nature of housing on and off campus, and increasing financial pressures for students. Joining a fraternity like AGR is not a given for today's young men on campus. If we want to create a rock-solid future for Epsilon Chapter we must all step up to the plate by making a gift to the campaign. We have tremendous potential to secure a 2nd century future for our chapter, but not if we feel satisfied or fortunate with what we've already achieved."



Bob Knudson

In addition to his numerous professional achievements in the wheat and sugar industries, Bob is a member of the 2nd Century Campaign Committee and serving as the 1950s Decade Chair.

Time:
 1:30 pm Coffee at the chapter house
 4:00 pm Annual Meeting
 5:30 pm Social hour followed by dinner
 7:00 pm Program

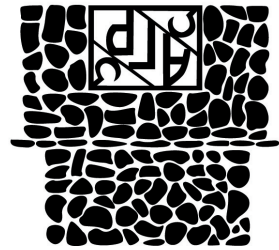
Location: Holiday Inn – Fargo

Rsvp to Ritchie Schaefer, 507/420-1715 or ritchie.schaefer@ndsu.edu

Make a Plan to Attend Founders Day on March 28th
Brother Bob Knudson '58 to Receive Special Honors



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