



Jon Underwood '64

Has been elected to membership in the

Beta Phi Hall of Honor Class of 2003

Brother Underwood is thankful to have had the honor being a Beta Phi Sigma Chi. "I learned how good friends, when working together, can accomplish a great deal and have a good time doing it. These friendships have also proven to be life long. My Beta Phi experience has been a critical part of my development; teaching me the importance of having, '... A High Sense of Honor and A Deep Sense of Personal Responsibility'."

After graduating with Distinction with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Arizona in 1964, Brother Underwood went on to receive his Masters of Business Administration from the University of California Berkeley in 1966. He led a distinguished undergraduate career while at the UofA. Brother Underwood was a member of the Men's Honoraries both his Sophomore and Junior years and was also a member of the Blue Key National Men's Honorary and Beta Gamma Sigma. As a Student Senator he Chaired the Appropriations Committee. He is listed in Who's Who of American Universities and Colleges and was an active participant in Intramural Sports. Jon and his wife Tammy met at the UofA where she was the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi in 1964. They were married in 1965 and he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves the same year.

Brother Underwood joined Boise Cascade Corporation in 1966 where he served the firm for 17 years, holding several senior management positions including President of Boise Southern Company. Brother Underwood and his family moved to Arizona in 1983 and he joined Southwest Forest Industries as Executive Vice President. In 1988 he joined multi-state developer Lyle Anderson, a firm specializing in recreationally-oriented residential communities as Executive Vice President. Since 1997 he has served the firm as President of Desert Mountain Properties.

As an alumnus, Brother Underwood has made significant contributions to Beta Phi and the University of Arizona. He has served on the Eller College of Management National Board of Directors since 1983 and currently serves as chairman. He is a member of the UofA Presidents Club, the UofA Foundation Board of Directors, and Campaign Arizona Presidential Leadership Team. At Saint Barnabas on the Desert Episcopal Parish he has served on the Finance Committee, as a Foundation Member, Vestry, Senior Warden and Capital Campaign Chairman.

Brother Underwood's support of higher education, the community and Sigma Chi has brought honor and distinction to Beta Phi Chapter and the University of Arizona.