

Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity



Presidential Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is well-established that the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity seeks to admit men into membership who have demonstrated good moral character, wholesome living, vigorous thinking, a respect for the ideals and purposes of the Fraternity, and a desire to bring honor and credit to the Fraternity;

WHEREAS, Matthew Arnold began his association with the Fraternity in the Spring of 2023, and since that time the Fraternity's National Council and numerous other Fraternity brothers have had an extensive opportunity to work closely with Matthew Arnold on a daily or weekly basis, travel with him, have extensive discussions with him about work issues, his family, and his views about life, observe him in many different professional, social and personal settings, and through this entire experience have found Matthew Arnold to have all the attributes of a man which make him well qualified to be a member of Phi Kappa Tau;

WHEREAS, Matthew Arnold was initiated as an undergraduate in the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity at Southern Illinois University. Accordingly, it was necessary for the National Council to secure the approval and consent of Alpha Tau Omega for him to be eligible for dual membership in both fraternities.

WHEREAS, having secured the enthusiastic endorsement of Alpha Tau Omega and the unanimous approval of the Resident and Graduate Council members of the Beta Chi Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau; and having discussed extensively and carefully all issues relative to admitting membership of Matthew Arnold into Phi Kappa Tau, the National Council voted unanimously that it would be in the best interest of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity to extend Matthew Arnold an invitation to be initiated as a brother into the Beta Chi Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity.

NOW THEREFORE, be it known to all that the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity is proud and pleased to declare that Matthew Arnold heartily accepted the invitation to be initiated into our esteemed brotherhood, with such initiation ceremony to occur on the 13th day of April in the year 2024.

Given under our hands and the seal of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, this 28th day of February, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael McCrum". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Michael McCrum
National President