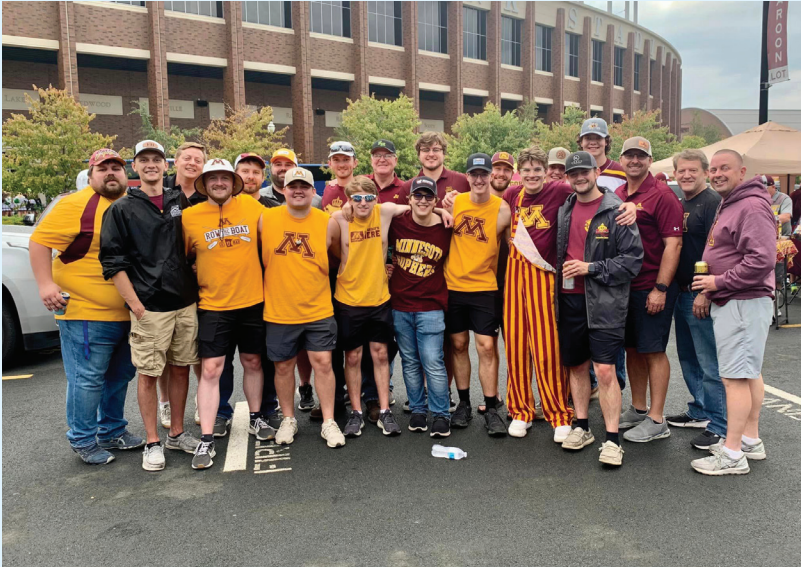


## ALUMNI TAILGATING

It was great to see so many alumni join in the tailgate event on September 9th!



## SHARE YOUR NEWS

Have you recently married? Has your family recently had or adopted a child? Maybe you changed careers, received a promotion, received an award at work or were recognized in your community?

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## UPDATE FROM YOUR FARMHOUSE HOUSE MOM - AUTUMN 2023

As I enter my third academic year as your FarmHouse mom, I still believe this is the best “job” ever and I feel privileged to be called “Mummajules” by our young men. The role certainly gives me a sense of joy in watching their development, keeps on my toes and causes the odd sleepless night, but I wouldn’t trade it for anything.

We had a quiet summer with less actives and interns living in the house which was compensated in construction noise, dust and chaos on Cleveland Ave, which is scheduled to be completed by 1 November. It will be a relief not only to us, but to our delivery trucks, neighbors and visitors to FarmHouse.

Fall semester has kicked off with all its busyness and usual activity: tailgates, disappointing football losses, recruitment events, social exchanges, class projects, midterms, and job searches for our graduating seniors. It really does go by in a blur.

For many of us, our college days were some of our best and being back here at the U, I reminisce often, especially when I bump into old college friends. They often ask me, how I’m coping living and work with “Millennials”, a house full of 18-22 year old men? Some think I’m a little crazy, this generation often get a bad rap, being the “entitled” and difficult to employ, always expecting more...more money, more flexibility but wanting less accountability and having less loyalty.

But to me, this generation is inspiring! When I think about my college days and early career, I certainly didn’t have the confidence nor the ability to synthesis information that these young men possess. They are not waiting for permission to have a place in the world or an opinion on an issue.

They don’t see themselves as “future” leaders as many of us see them as, they are leaders and have been for several years by the time they graduate from college.

With their ability to access information in milliseconds, confidence in their abilities, inquisitive nature and utterly tenacious in pursuing goals that they find personally compelling, these young men should be seen as an asset in any setting.

This generation certainly isn’t sailing through without a few of their own challenges, social media exposure/pressure, college debt and mental health concerns to name a few, but despite that, they are taking a hold of their future, not asking for permission and diving in headfirst. I do believe that they possess so many more positive attributes than given credit and have every right to have a seat at the table. If you have an opportunity to employ, work alongside, invite into a community organization or befriend a millennial, please do so with enthusiasm, you won’t be disappointed!

As always, you are welcome to visit anytime, share a story or two, stay for a meal, speak to these inspiring young men, we would love to have you. It is always a highlight to have a distinguished alumni visit. Please feel free to contact me anytime on 612-961-7933 or at [juliedrechsler1968@gmail.com](mailto:juliedrechsler1968@gmail.com).



## CHAPTER UPDATES AUTUMN 2023

Classes at the University of Minnesota started on September 5th, and the men of FarmHouse have been busy since. Between recruitment, club meetings, Gopher football, and hanging out with the brothers it has been a fulfilling start to the semester.

Aside from the chapter-organized brotherhood events, there are always independently planned events. In September a group of brothers decided to go to the horse races held at Canterbury Park. This was a fun day for the group despite the races being cut short because of wet track conditions and a lot of looks for being “over-dressed”. The final week of September marked homecoming. This homecoming was particularly exciting as Brother Michael Olson was a part of the homecoming court. Although he was not crowned we are all very proud of his accomplishments and representing the best of FarmHouse. The week was capped off by a Gophers win!

The recruitment season has been underway. Recruitment events started with the annual alumni picnic where alumni, actives, and potential members gathered at the house. Other events included bowling, casino night, mini golf, and a trip to Topgolf. Please contact Orinn Just at [just0142@umn.edu](mailto:just0142@umn.edu) if you know of someone FarmHouse should recruit at the U.

We are excited to be welcoming 3 new members this fall. Pictured (from left) are Nathaniel Clore, Lee Siewert, and Kieran Musser.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MINNESOTA FARMHOUSE

## Upcoming events

- Builder of Men Week - Nov. 8-12
- Fall Initiation - Nov. 12

## Additional News

### Shed Construction

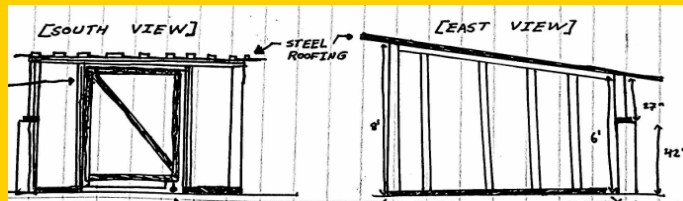
A new shed is being constructed to securely store the chapter's outdoor equipment. A big thank you to chapter member Aidan Musser ('20) for his work designing and leading constructing the shed, which is expected to be completed this fall by several chapter and alumni members. Want to make a financial contribution for materials? Send a check to the Minnesota FarmHouse Association, ATTN: Gary Sloan, 12208 Marquess Ln N, Lake Elmo, MN 55042-4431. Indicate on the check: "New Shed".

### Food Requests

The chapter always appreciates food donations from alumni! Beef, pork, chicken, and other frozen and non-perishable products preferred. If you have something you would like to donate, contact Carsen Wright at 763-482-1852 or wrig0994@umn.edu.

### Scott Nagel Visit

It's always great to have alumni stop in at the house and join the chapter for a meal and share some life and career advice. Recently Scott Nagel (MN '85) and current International FarmHouse Foundation President made a visit to the chapter. When will you visit? You're always welcome!



The current plans for the shed construction.



Scott Nagel (Minnesota 85) speaks with current chapter members



FarmHouse members enjoy a recent event at TopGolf



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# FARMHOUSE



## MINNESOTA CHAPTER

FALL 2022

### HOW ARE YOU SUPPORTING THE CONTINUITY OF MINNESOTA FARMHOUSE?

In the spring newsletter I shared some thoughts about taking some time to connect with the Chapter and Your Brothers. Were you able to make time for the Spring Picnic and Annual Meeting, the 1960's Gathering, the Mark Eihdahl Golf Tournament or the Gophers Tailgate in September? Were you able to recent reconnect in smaller or informal ways?

Taking time to connect with your bothers or the next generation of Chapter members is a great way to relive the common experiences many of us share in common and reenergize for the challenges ahead of us. How many young men in your life should consider attending the University of Minnesota and could benefit from the Minnesota FarmHouse experience? YOU own the first and most critical role to play in connecting those young people to your fraternity!

For Fall 2024 I am including the second installment of three sets of priorities of the Minnesota FarmHouse Organization focused on ensuring the continuity of the brotherhood: Priority #4 - A Communications Coordinator will manage a multifaceted program to interconnect the Alumni and Chapter membership.

Priority #5 - Benefiting from perspective, the Alumni body will perpetuate and work with the Chapter to maintain a "playbook" (strategy and program) for recruitment of new members.

Priority #6 - The Alumni will leverage relationships to both influence the future vision of the St. Paul campus and to promote Minnesota FarmHouse as a potential HOME at a respected University of Minnesota. How are we focused on these priorities? We are in discussion and planning on how to build a long-term answer to adding someone focused on Alumni communications and engagement. In the meantime, THANK YOU to Master Builder Frank Bezdicek for his willingness restart a monthly email newsletter. Are you receiving this regular update? If not, reach out to me and we will add your address to the list.

Second, board member Kyle O'Toole is leading a newly formed "Continuity Committee" to work with the Chapter in their recruitment efforts. Over the past year we have benefited from an energized group of young alumni hosting a recruitment event each semester with the Chapter. This event not only helps encourages prospective new members to make the commitment to join FarmHouse but connects different generations.

Finally, we started a cooperative effort with the other four St. Paul Fraternities and Sororities to raise awareness about common concerns we have on St. Paul Campus. This includes the condition of Bailey Hall, recruitment to CFANS (and eventually other St. Paul Campus focused majors), and communicating about the positive change and future of CFANS. Engaging our alumni is a critical first step in recruitment, leading to the continuity of St. Paul experience and FarmHouse Fraternity.

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