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“Ennobled By High & Sacred Purpose”

By Douglas M. Allen, National President (Delta Beta/University of Georgia '90)



“Ennobled by high and sacred purpose.” These are familiar words from The Creed of Theta Chi Fraternity. But what is that “purpose”? What is the “purpose” for which Freeman and Chase founded Theta Chi in 1856? Of course, the main purpose of Theta Chi is revealed in our motto: “An Assisting Hand.” The Fraternity exists so that the members can help one another and so that the Fraternity itself can help all of its members. In Theta Chi’s original Constitution, Freeman and Chase described three objectives of their new society as ways in which “An Assisting Hand” is to be extended. These are mirrored in the objectives of the Grand Chapter, the Foundation Chapter, The Norwich Housing Corporation, and our International Headquarters staff.

“To Bind By Closer Bonds...”

The first purpose of the Fraternity as stated by the founders is “to bind by closer bonds the members to each other.” The Creed restates this as “Inspires True Friendship.” The Grand Chapter seeks to assist our undergraduate and alumnus members in creating new friendships and fostering existing ones. One of the ways we accomplish this is by providing our undergraduate brothers with the resources and training they need to recruit new members. Last year, Theta Chi saw a **15% increase** in the number of new members recruited—our greatest single year increase in decades. In the future, you will see more opportunities for alumnus members to reconnect with old friends and create new friendships as well.

“The advancement of measures at the institutions at which it is established which shall be of importance to its members...”

This second objective, cited Freeman and Chase, was to foster loyalty to Alma Mater. Indeed, our Creed today speaks of the “primacy of Alma Mater.” The Grand Chapter and International Headquarters staff have renewed efforts to assist our undergraduate members in improving their academic records. Undergraduate brothers are also being encouraged to participate more fully in campus activities and leadership opportunities. Our Foundation Chapter seeks to assist deserving members with academic scholarships. The Norwich Housing Corporation assists chapter(s) with improving their living and study environments.

“The mutual benefit and improvement of all its members...”

The third purpose Freeman and Chase articulated for their new society was “the mutual benefit and improvement of all its members.” Theta Chi was established to help its members become better men. Our national organization conducts many outstanding leadership events each year such as the Chapter Leadership Conference, the School of Fraternity Practices, the Deranian Presidents Conference, and a dozen Mid-Year Leadership Challenges which are held on various campuses around the country. Our members do become better leaders and better citizens because of their membership in Theta Chi.

Brothers, as readers of *The Rattle*, I know that you have a deep interest in our Fraternity. I ask for your Assisting Hand in continuing to make the dreams of our founders a reality; whether it is by financially supporting our Foundation Chapter, by serving on your chapter’s Alumni Corporation or Advisory Board, or by volunteering as a Regional Counselor. Working together we can help the men of our Fraternity to become **Better Friends, Better Students and Better Men.**

Douglas Allen, Delta Beta/University of Georgia '90, was elected National President at the 152nd Anniversary Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 9–12, 2008. Brother Allen was initially elected to the Grand Chapter in 2006 and served as National Secretary. Professionally, he is a part owner of U.S. Energy Services, Inc. in Minneapolis where he lives with his wife and young daughter. His wife, Ann, is the Vice President of the Twin Cities Alumnae of Chi Omega sorority.



152nd Anniversary Convention

By Cathie Morgan, Director of Foundation Services and Editor of *The Rattle*

July brought several hundred Theta Chi undergraduates and alumni to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 33rd School of Fraternity Practices and the 152nd Anniversary Convention of Theta Chi Fraternity. Held at the Hyatt Regency Downtown, the Convention highlighted all that is best in Theta Chi. From good old-fashioned fun at an Indianapolis Indians vs. Toledo Mudhens AAA International League baseball game to the serious business of electing new Grand Chapter members, Theta Chi's from across the nation and Canada were energized by shared brotherhood and purpose.

The School of Fraternity Practices convened Wednesday, July 9 and began in earnest with sessions ranging from "Recruitment 101" to "Living



the Ritual" to "Re-membering Alumni." The special theme of scholarship was emphasized in the keynote speech by Mark Hartley, scholarship expert. Foundation Chapter scholarship winners were recognized by Foundation President Warren Hoffman.

The group celebrated a special Brother, Howard Alter, Jr. (Omega/Pennsylvania State '41) and his 90th birthday with an early birthday luncheon. Al Calarco (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg '86) presented Howard with a special scrapbook containing thoughts sent in by brothers from all chapters on the impact Howard has had on them personally and on the Fraternity as a whole.

A keynote speech by Brother Al Saunders (Gamma Xi/San Jose State '69), offensive coordinator for the St. Louis Rams, closed the School of Fraternity Practices. Brother Saunders also participated in the legislative sessions as a super delegate, giving the undergraduates additional insight from his experiences and helping guide them as they debated legislation issues. Brother Saunders was also present to award the "Shug" Jordan trophy for outstanding scholar athlete to Ryan Koepke (Delta Xi/Valparaiso '08).

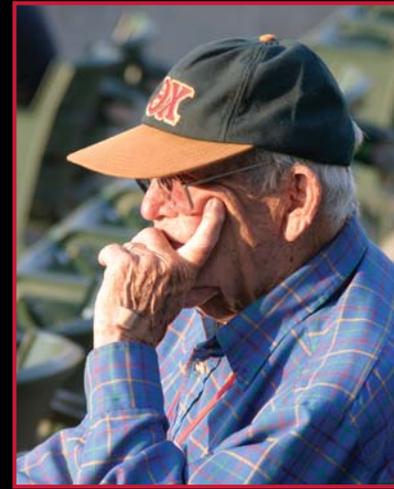
Convention itself kicked off with a Thursday evening marketplace and a special "Meet the Candidates" opportunity. Those brothers running for Grand Chapter seats were available to talk with the undergraduates and do some light campaigning by sharing their unique platforms and their views on pending legislation.

Extensive renovations were completed on the Headquarters building ranging from landscape improvements to new paint and carpet. Brothers were able to tour the improved facility on Thursday evening and enjoyed a special history museum set up in the Chapman Library and the Blue Conference room.

Also present at this Convention was special alumni guest, Charles "Buddy" Davis (Chi/Auburn '59). Famous for his work with NASA on the Apollo spacecraft, Brother Davis joined the gathering from his home in California. Brother Davis participated in all the convention activities including the Foundation Board meeting, the Foundation Donors Reception, and the general convention sessions. Many members enjoyed learning from his stories and his perspective as a scientist, engineer and brother in Theta Chi.



Howard Alter and Cathie Morgan, Director of Foundation Services, chat during Howard's birthday luncheon.



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Theta Chi Fraternity

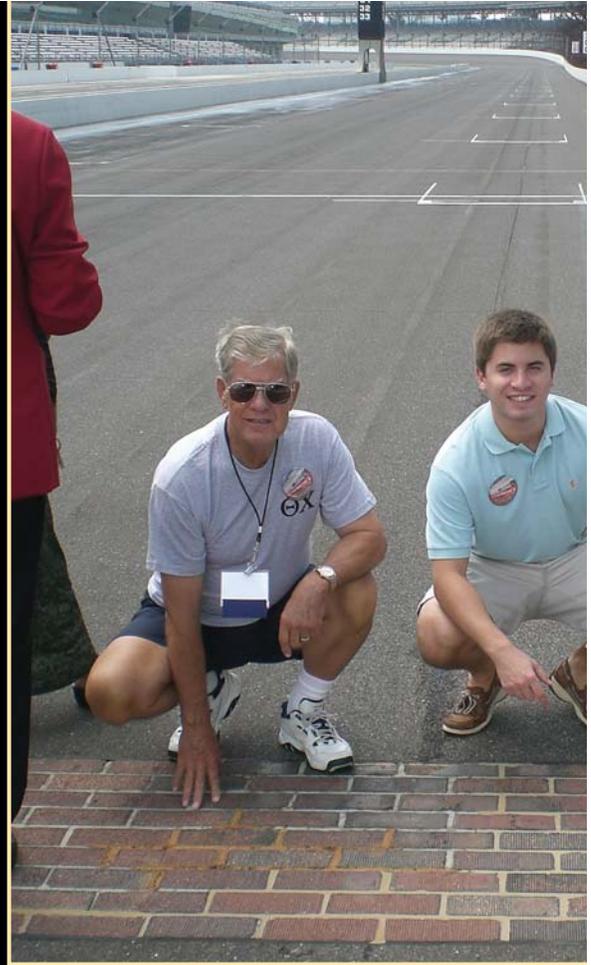
Brothers enjoyed a night at the Indians game, complete with buffet line. Downtown Indianapolis welcomed Theta Chi brothers with a special tribute on the scoreboard.



Pictured with Dale Taylor, Executive Director (Alpha Phi/University of Alabama '69) are the new members of the Grand Chapter elected at Convention: Jim Hardwick, National Chaplain (Phi/North Dakota State '87), Rich Partridge, National Counselor (Theta/University of Massachusetts '91), Bo Tinnin, National Vice President (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri State '84), Joe D' Amore, National Secretary (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg '77), Doug Allen, National President (Delta Beta/University of Georgia '90), Ron Ramos, National Treasurer (Gamma Theta/San Diego State '68), Terry Johnson, National Historian (Gamma Pi/SUNY-Buffalo '71), Brian Hall, National Marshal (Theta Eta/Sam Houston State '88).



Dan Fleetham Jr. (Theta Chi/Grand Chapter Honorary '06) and Dan Fleetham Sr. (Alpha/Norwich '34) were awarded the Citation of Honor for their impressive service to Theta Chi Fraternity.



ABOVE: Charles "Buddy" Davis (Chi/Auburn '59), Jonathan Fernandez (Tau/Florida '05), and Corey Fischer (Iota Beta/Missouri State '08) visited the Indianapolis Motor Speedway during free time from Convention.



Warren Hoffman, President of the Foundation Chapter, and special convention guest, Buddy Davis (Chi/Auburn '59).



Bo Tinnin (Epsilon Phi/University of Central Missouri '84) was a presenter for the School of Fraternity Practices.





LEFT: Bill Russo, Director of Undergraduate Services (Epsilon Xi/Clarion '02) coordinated all aspects of the highly successful convention. BELOW: Newly elected National President Doug Allen addressed the convention attendees and stressed his message of better scholarship among Theta Chi members.



NFL Coach Speaks at Convention

By Kyle Weaver (Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls '04)

“Truly, my closest friends in life are the guys that I (joined) Theta Chi with.”



When Brother Al Saunders (Gamma Xi/San Jose State University '69) was asked to deliver a keynote speech at the 152nd Anniversary Convention last July, he realized he needed some inspiration. After digging out his badge, flipping through his copy of the Manual of Theta Chi and re-reading the Creed—items he hadn't seen for so long—and after a lot of thought, Brother Saunders found his message.

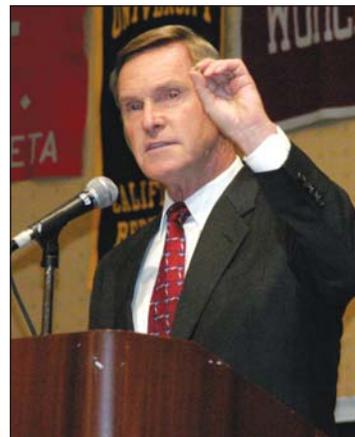
During his keynote speech, Saunders, offensive coordinator for the St. Louis Rams, held his Super Bowl ring in one hand and his Theta Chi badge in the other and compared the two. While both items held significant value for him, if forced to choose between them, the choice would be obvious: the badge stays. “It wouldn't take one second to decide that this one (the Super Bowl ring) goes,” Brother Saunders told the audience at Convention.

For Brother Saunders, joining Theta Chi was a similarly obvious choice. In high school, Brother Saunders was a prep All-American and a Junior Olympian in swimming, holding several national records in the freestyle sprint events. “In those days you swam everything,” he said. In 1964, Brother Saunders arrived at what was then known as San Jose State College. An aspiring teacher and an athlete, he chose the school because of its reputation for teacher education. His parents, who had emigrated from London to Canada and then to the United States in 1955, had always stressed the importance of education.

Though Brother Saunders had never played organized football before, he walked on with the San Jose team during the 1964–65 season and later became a three-year starter and team captain as a defensive back and wide receiver. By the spring of his freshman year, Brother Saunders' life revolved around school and football and he decided he needed something more “to round out the college experience.” Brother Saunders and a teammate opted to go through the school's formal recruitment process. The opportunities for leadership and social development that he saw in the Greek system drew him in and compelled him to join. “After going through it, it was very clear that I wanted to be a part of the Greek system,” Brother Saunders said, “and it was very clear that I wanted to be a Theta Chi.”

During the late 1960s, San Jose State, like many college campuses, was in a state of political unrest, he said, and Gamma Xi Chapter of Theta Chi offered its members shelter from that unrest. More importantly, the Chapter offered him common bonds with men like himself, friendship, and brotherhood. “Truly, my closest friends in life are the guys that I (joined) Theta Chi with,” Brother Saunders said.

While pursuing his master's degree at Stanford University, Brother Saunders took his first coaching job at Henry M. Dunn High School in Palo Alto, California. That year, his team went 8-0 and they won the



Brother Al Saunders, Gamma Xi/San Jose State University '69, holds up his Badge during his speech at the 152nd Anniversary Convention. Saunders, offensive coordinator for the St. Louis Rams, told the Convention attendees that his experiences as a member of Theta Chi have been far more valuable in his life than the experience of winning a Super Bowl. Photo by Kyle Weaver

league. "I thought, 'Gee, this is easy.'" He, also, quickly realized that coaching and teaching are closely related fields. Coaching is merely teaching a particular set of skills to a particular group of people.

While working toward a doctorate at the University of Southern California and coaching there as a graduate assistant, Brother Saunders' full-time coaching career, which ultimately led him to four different NFL franchises and a Super Bowl championship, began. "I don't really look at it as a challenge," Brother Saunders said. "I look at it as a joy on a daily basis. It takes a lot of energy and enthusiasm."

Throughout his career, Brother Saunders has employed the same philosophy, a simple, four-step philosophy he borrowed from coach Dick Vermeil: Have a plan. Hire good people. Work hard. Show them you care. At the Convention, Brother Saunders encouraged the undergraduate Theta Chis in the audience to employ that philosophy in the operation of their chapters. He challenged the entire audience to not only read the Fraternity's Creed, but to understand what it says and live up to its expressed values. "Are you kiddin' me?" Brother Saunders said. "Friendship and extending a Helping Hand? You think about that."

With his speech, Brother Saunders wanted to give his fellow Theta Chis something to take back to their chapters that would encourage them to make their chapters better. His message—that while winning the Super Bowl may be the epitome of accomplishment in his business, nothing has been more valuable to him in his life than being a member of Theta Chi—could not have been better motivation.

Twenty years from now, he said, what will matter most to Theta Chi brothers won't be the accomplishments on the field of play or in the classroom or in the boardroom. It won't be the possessions. It will be the people. "Theta Chi is just a name. The people you're with make the experience," Brother Saunders said. "I think every guy in (the) room will be able to say the same thing."

Brother Al Saunders (Gamma Xi/San Jose State University '69) sits with the undergraduate members of his chapter at a luncheon during the 152nd Anniversary Convention. Saunders never attended a Convention while he was an undergraduate, but marveled at the experience of sitting on the Convention floor and electing the new Grand Chapter leadership. "I wish all Theta Chis would take the time to see a Convention," Brother Saunders said. "Knowing what it is now, I would encourage every Theta Chi to witness it."

Photo by Kyle Weaver



An alumnus at a glance

Al Saunders, Gamma Xi/San Jose State University '69

COACHING CAREER:

St. Louis Rams, offensive coordinator (2008 to present)

Washington Redskins, assistant head coach (2006–07)

Kansas City Chiefs, offensive coordinator (2001–05)

St. Louis Rams, receivers coach (1999–2000)

Kansas City Chiefs, assistant head coach (1989–98)

San Diego Chargers, receivers coach (1983–86),
head coach (1986–88)

University of Tennessee, offensive coordinator (1982)

University of California, offensive coordinator (1976–81)

Utah State University, offensive backfield coach (1973–75)

University of Missouri, receivers coach (1973)

University of Southern California, graduate assistant (1970–71)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Winner of Super Bowl 2000 with the St. Louis Rams

Former All American swimmer and national record holder

Three-time Academic All American with San Jose State

University (1966–68)

San Jose State University athletic Hall of Fame inductee

Golden State Award for leadership, community service (1989)

Avid runner, has completed marathons in Boston, Los Angeles
and Kansas City

Fraternity Awards

2007–2008 Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence

The Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence was developed and approved in 1984. The award was presented to the Fraternity by former Field Representatives (now called Leadership and Education Consultants) of Theta Chi who had served under Brother Alter during his tenure as Executive Director, from 1968 to 1984. The Alter Award is given annually by the Fraternity to those chapters that demonstrate excellence in all aspects of fraternity operations. The Alter Award is the highest honor the Fraternity can bestow upon an undergraduate chapter.

Tau—University of Florida
Alpha Phi—University of Alabama
Beta Nu—Case Western Reserve University
Beta Sigma—Lehigh University
Gamma Rho—Florida State University
Delta Kappa—Ball State University
Epsilon Kappa—University of Idaho
Iota Beta—Missouri State University
Iota Theta—University of Central Florida

2007–2008 Chapter Achievement Awards

The Chapter Achievement Award was created in 1991 to recognize those chapters that apply for but do not receive the Alter Award, however do demonstrate substantial progress and improvement in chapter organization and operations. The Chapter Achievement Award is presented annually by the Fraternity for those chapters that demonstrate excellence in a number of aspects of fraternity operations.

Theta—University of Massachusetts
Chi—Auburn University
Alpha Nu—Georgia Institute of Technology
Alpha Rho—University of Washington
Beta Delta—Rutgers University
Gamma Kappa—Miami University
Gamma Tau—Drake University
Gamma Phi—Nebraska Wesleyan University
Gamma Chi—Randolph-Macon College
Delta Omega—Ripon College
Epsilon Phi—University of Central Missouri
Epsilon Psi—New Jersey Institute of Technology
Zeta Beta—Adrian College
Eta Chi—George Mason University
Iota Lambda—Longwood University



Howard Alter announces Alter Award winners.

2007–2008 The Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy

The Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy was presented to Theta Chi Fraternity by James G. Lewis (Alpha Xi/Delaware '12) in memory of his daughter. The award, which is made on an annual basis, recognizes the undergraduate chapter that, in the judgment of the Grand Chapter, has made the greatest amount of progress in the preceding academic year.

Recipient:
Eta Chi—George Mason University

Honorable Mention:
Beta Upsilon—California State University-Fresno
Gamma Tau—Drake University
Zeta Beta—Adrian College
Zeta Phi—California Polytechnic State University

“Assist”

2007–2008 James Michael Holland Award

The James Michael Holland Award is presented each summer to the chapter that initiates the most brothers in a school year.

Recipient:
Gamma Rho—Florida State University

1st Runner-Up
Iota Theta—University of Central Florida

2nd Runner-Up:
Alpha Phi—University of Alabama



Brian Hall presents trophy to Gilpin Award winner Eta Chi Chapter/George Mason represented by Owen Ito '08.



2007–2008 James Michael Holland Award for recruitment went to Gamma Rho Chapter/Florida State. Runners-Up were Iota Theta/University of Central Florida and Alpha Phi/University of Alabama.

“Inspire”



Jordan Award recipient Ryan Koepke with presenters Al Saunders and Lindsay Olsen.

2007–2008 Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award

Presented to those chapters that initiate 25 men or more during the preceding school year.

Tau—University of Florida
 Chi—Auburn University
 Alpha Delta—Purdue University
 Alpha Iota—Indiana University
 Alpha Rho—University of Washington
 Alpha Phi—University of Alabama
 Gamma Kappa—Miami University
 Gamma Rho—Florida State University
 Delta Kappa—Ball State University
 Delta Upsilon—Arizona State University
 Delta Phi—University of North Texas
 Zeta Beta—Adrian College
 Zeta Pi—Old Dominion University
 Eta Chi—George Mason University
 Iota Beta—Missouri State University
 Iota Theta—University of Central Florida

2007–2008 Reginald E.F. Colley Awards

The Colley Award, named in honor and in memory of Reginald E.F. Colley (Phi/North Dakota State '15), was presented to the Fraternity by Past National President Frederick W. Ladue. Brother Colley served on the Grand Chapter from 1925 to 1926. The award has been presented since 1929. The Colley Award is the highest undergraduate award in Theta Chi Fraternity. It is presented each year to an undergraduate member in recognition of distinguished service to alma mater, Fraternity and chapter. The recipient of the Colley Award received a small replica of the Colley Award trophy. The original trophy, which is kept in the International Headquarters, is engraved with the name of the recipient.

Recipient:
 Kevin F. Reilly, Jr., Tau—Florida



Earl D. “Dusty” Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award–2008

The Theta Chi for Life Award is named in honor of Earl D. “Dusty” Rhodes (Delta/RPI '21). Brother Rhodes, known as “Mr. Theta Chi,” served our Fraternity as a four term National President and as President of the National Board of Trustees. He also served as President of the National Interfraternity Conference. The Theta Chi for Life Award is considered the second highest award in our Fraternity. The Grand Chapter presents the award to candidates chosen by the National Advisory Committee. Recipients have demonstrated a lifetime of dedicated and outstanding service to Theta Chi. Winners pictured above left to right:

Allan J. Calarco, Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg University
 Dale Taylor, Alpha Phi/University of Alabama
 M. Lindsay Olsen, Delta Psi/University of Kansas
 William H. Thomas, Alpha Phi/University of Alabama
 Warren E. Hoffman, Alpha Iota/Indiana University
 Joseph R. D’Amore, Jr., Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg University
 James R. Morgan, Delta Xi/Valparaiso University
 Richard S. Doyon, Gamma/University of Maine

Not pictured: Richard D. Elder, Gamma Theta/San Diego State University and
 Marvin McConaghy, Alpha Phi/University of Alabama

1st Runner-Up:
 Raymond W. Vanlanot, II, Alpha Iota—Indiana

2nd Runner-Up:
 James A. Black, Gamma Rho—Florida State

2007–2008 James Ralph “Shug” Jordan Award for Outstanding Scholar-Athlete

The James Ralph “Shug” Jordan Award is named in honor and memory of Brother Jordan (Chi/Auburn '32) who was head football coach at his alma mater from 1951 through 1975. Brother Jordan led his team to a national championship in 1957. This award was first presented in 1996. The

Jordan Award is presented annually to a Theta Chi undergraduate scholar-athlete who exemplifies the qualities of leadership, citizenship, brotherhood, and commitment to excellence in intercollegiate athletics.

Recipient:
 Ryan Koepke, Delta Xi—Valparaiso University

“Improve”

Fraternity Awards



Special Congratulations goes to Gamma Lambda, winner of the Stanford Trophy at the 152nd Convention!

Theta Chi's Scholastic Top Ten

Chapter	GPA
Gamma Lambda/Univ. of Denver	3.435
Gamma Eta/Bucknell Univ.	3.417
Beta/Massachusetts Institute of Tech.	3.409
Gamma Delta/Florida So. College	3.370
Beta Delta/Rutgers Univ.	3.335
Omega/Pennsylvania State Univ.	3.314
Iota Beta/Missouri State Univ.	3.301
Gamma Kappa/Miami Univ. of Ohio	3.292
Theta Iota/Univ. of Calif.-Santa Cruz.	3.292
Delta Theta/Univ. of Toledo	2.92

The Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award of Theta Chi Fraternity is the highest honor bestowed by our Fraternity. The award was established to recognize and honor alumnus members of the Fraternity who by reason of outstanding national service, personal effort, and unselfish interest have made distinguished contributions to the lasting good and general welfare of Theta Chi Fraternity. The number of awards is limited to one each year, but authorization was granted at the time the award was approved to permit the recognition of service performed prior to that time. At no time can the number of Distinguished Service Awards exceed the total number of years the Fraternity has existed.

Recipients:

Michael P. Maloney, Delta Upsilon—Arizona State
 Eric W. Raasch, Alpha Upsilon—University of
 Nebraska-Lincoln
 Dana K. Richardson, Delta Psi—Kansas



Pictured with National Counselor Rich Partridge are Terry Johnson (Gamma Pi-SUNY Buffalo), Chad Strelow (Theta Psi/University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh), Rich Eagles (Alpha Omega/Lafayette) and Clarence Frank Jr. (Eta Omicron/Northwestern State).

The Alumni Award

The Alumni Award was authorized and established by the Grand Chapter on January 26, 1946. The award was established to permit the Grand Chapter, undergraduate chapters, and alumni corporations and other organized groups in the Fraternity to officially recognize and honor alumnus members. Alumni so honored have demonstrated exceptional service, personal effort and unselfish interest in meritorious service to the local, regional or national welfare of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Recipients:

Richard L. Eagles, Alpha Omega—Lafayette College
 Edward A. Eickhoff, Eta Phi—Oakland University
 Clarence Frank, Jr., Eta Omicron—Northwestern
 State University
 Terry A. Johnson, Gamma Pi—SUNY-Buffalo
 Chad R. Strelow, Theta Psi—University of
 Wisconsin-Oshkosh
 Scott M. Thomas, Delta Kappa—Ball State
 University

Mabel M. Oswaldt Appreciation Award

The Mabel M. Oswaldt Appreciation Award was authorized and established by the Grand Chapter on July 15, 1946, as a means of recognizing women who have rendered service worthy of recognition to Theta Chi Fraternity.

Recipients:

Lynn Jones, Administrative Assistant at the
 International Headquarters
 Sara Jadrich, Financial Operations Assistant at
 the International Headquarters

Dear Brother Hoffman;

It is my pleasure to enclose a check for our Annual Campaign. Although I have been out of touch for many years, I would like to thank my brothers at Zeta Theta, and all of our brothers of Theta Chi for reminding me just how important it is to support our Brotherhood and its future.

Often when men are blown by the four winds, we lose touch with one another. Brothers however, are not forgotten, and when the dust is blown off, the memories of them and our faith in the Brotherhood as a whole becomes renewed.

I hope we can all continue to do our part to support the programs of this timehonored Fraternity. I know I will endeavor to do so in the future.

Fraternally yours,
Harry E. Keenan Jr. (USN ret)



Brothers had the opportunity to view Theta Chi archives and historic badges at the Headquarters Open House.



The 2008 Reginald E.F. Colley

The **Reginald E.F. Colley Award** is the highest honor for an undergraduate in our Fraternity. The Grand Chapter presents the Colley Award each year to the undergraduate member who best demonstrates distinguished service to Alma Mater, Fraternity and Chapter. The award, which originally was a trophy, was first presented to the Fraternity in 1929 by Frederick Ladue (Iota/Colgate '12) in memory of Reginald E.F. Colley (Phi/North Dakota State '15) who was a member of the Grand Chapter from 1925 to 1926. The original trophy was retired in 1950 and was replaced by the large plaque used today. Each year, a committee composed of past Colley award recipients reviews applications and determines a recipient and two runners-up.

And the Winner is . . .

This year's recipient of the Reginald E.F. Colley award has truly earned his title of "Brother" in Theta Chi. His dedication to our Fraternity, the entire Greek community, his University, his local community, and even his entire state is unparalleled. This Brother continuously goes above and beyond the call of duty when accepting a leadership position. His achievements during his undergraduate college career and the impact he has had on society thus far are astounding. His little brother said, "... there have been few people that can command and lead the brotherhood with such poise and charisma... He has been a dramatic influence on all of our members." When you meet this Brother, it is easy to understand the truth to this statement.

This Brother has served his Chapter in many capacities. Some of these positions include Chairman of the Social Committee, member of the Risk Management Committee, Chairman of the Awards Committee, elected member of the Standards Board, Historian, Assistant Treasurer, and Assistant Marshal. In the spring of his sophomore year, this Brother was elected President of his chapter. As President, he worked to deepen alumni relations through alumni barbeques and similar events; to increase the safety and quality of Chapter living conditions by greatly decreasing the number of fire safety inspection violations; to improve the Chapter's relations with the University through regular meetings with the administrators and hosting various administrators as dinner guests; to develop an Officer Transition plan; and to update Chapter Bylaws that had not been updated since 2004.

During his tenure as President, this Brother's Chapter received two prestigious awards. One of these awards was being one of six IFC fraternities to pass his University's Greek standards. The other award was the 2007 Howard R. Alter Award for Chapter Excellence.

Not only has this Brother been extremely involved within his Chapter, but he is a prominent member of numerous campus organizations. Most notably, this Brother has been involved with student government. He has served varying roles that include being a member of the Campaign Executive Committee for two Presidential campaigns, Student Senator, Chairman of the Allocations Committee, Senate President Pro-Tempore, Chairman of the Senate Replacement and Agenda Committee, Senate President, and finally, Student Body President.

Through all of these positions, this Brother had a significant impact on campus. He was in charge of allocating \$65,000 to various student



Joe D'Amore (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg '77) looks on as the Reilly family celebrates Kevin's achievement.

organizations. He was able to convince the University to increase the hours of operation of the main library by two hours during the week before finals and finals week, to get credit and debit cards accepted at all campus food vendors, and to begin initiatives that included upgrading the email system, expanding the recreation center, and providing safe alternatives to diminish student drunk driving.

This Brother has also been involved with Florida's oldest and most prestigious leadership honorary, the Florida Blue Key.

In addition, our Colley Award winner attended many leadership conventions through Theta Chi and other organizations. Most recently, he served as Theta Chi's Undergraduate Representative at the North-American Interfraternity Conference held in Washington, D.C., making congressional visits and lobbying for the passage of bills favoring Theta Chi's interests.

All of these very impressive attributes are the reasons that this member of the Tau Chapter at the University of Florida is the 2008 recipient of the Reginald E.F. Colley Award...

Brother Kevin Francis Reilly Jr.
Tau/University of Florida '08

Award

By Joseph D'Amore, Jr., Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg '77

The First Runner-Up . . .

In one letter of recommendation for our first Runner-Up it was written that "He is a highly responsible, energetic, personable, humble, engaging and talented Theta Chi Brother and exemplifies the highest qualities and values of his fraternity and the Greek community." All of these traits are evident through this Brother's involvement within the Greek, campus, and local communities. His dedication to the Fraternity is tireless and seems to be virtually endless.

Becoming involved with Theta Chi his freshman year when it was an Interest Group on his campus, he was elected as Recruitment Chairman during the first Chapter meeting he attended. Regardless of how daunting a task recruitment

can be when only having a small number of members working to recruit others, this was only the beginning of the leadership positions this Brother would undertake for his chapter. Following his term as Recruitment Chairman, this Brother served as President for two consecutive years—as a sophomore and junior.

He first-handedly witnessed the transformation of his chapter from Interest Group to Colony and ultimately to a re-installed Chapter. As a past President and senior member of his chapter, this Brother realized the need for a better defined New Member Education program. Thus, he was elected Marshal. However, he was also involved with many other committees and served as the co-chairman of the Petition Committee, Chairman of the Alumni Relations Committee and member of the Recruitment Committee.

Considering his extensive involvement with fraternity positions, one may wonder how this Brother had time for anything else, but he always found time to give back to the community as well as to be involved in campus organizations. This Brother raised \$3,000 and placed second in the "Big Man on Campus" competition, benefiting the Zeta Tau Alpha Breast Cancer Research Foundation. In addition, he was Chairman of the Student Transportation Board, a Dean-appointed committee, and worked in a lab that evaluated nicotine reception into the nervous system—work that will be published in a scientific journal in the near future.

Our first Runner-Up for the 2008 Reginald E.F. Colley Award comes from Indiana University, home of our Alpha Iota Chapter . . .

Brother Raymond William Vanlanot II
Alpha Iota/Indiana University '08



Our first Runner-Up for the 2008 Reginald E.F. Colley Award comes from Indiana University, home of our Alpha Iota Chapter, Brother Raymond William Vanlanot II.

And our Second Runner-Up . . .

This year's second Runner-Up is a Brother who will continue his education at the graduate school level. This Brother's involvement with his chapter shows his true dedication to "Theta Chi for Life." He served as a member on the Standard Boards Committee, as Chairman of the Awards Committee, as Chairman of the Petition to Grand Chapter for Re-chartering Committee, as Vice President of Internal Affairs, as President, and as Voting Undergraduate Member of the Alumni Corporation.

He used many of the roles he was involved with to make sure his Chapter was running at its best. As the Chapter President, he streamlined the Chapter's operations to create a more conducive environment to

higher chapter morale and a higher level of productivity. He also initiated a year round scholarship program involving study skills, time management, test-taking skills, and utilizing professors to improve academic performance. In addition, this Brother helped initiate the strong Gamma Rho recruitment program and as a result increased membership by 56 brothers to the current size of 97 brothers, an increase of about 135%.

In a letter of recommendation for the Colley Award, it was written, "He is a leader on campus who is ethical, responsible, honest..." His campus involvement strongly supports this statement. He has worked at the campus Computer Store, attended the Institute on Core Student Values and participated as a student panelist, served in various capacities on the National Senior Classical League including Parliamentarian, Vice President, and President, worked as a Residence Assistant and Residence Hall Government President, and as a Teaching Assistant in a thermal fluids lab.

In the coming years, this Brother has plans to stay directly involved with Theta Chi and even assist in expansion efforts. He is currently working with the Regional Director in the Southeastern District to begin expansion work in that area of the U.S. His dedication to Theta Chi is evident through his history of leadership and commitment to the advancement of the Fraternity.

The second Runner-Up for the Reginald E.F. Colley Award is from Gamma Rho Chapter of Florida State University . . .

Brother James Black
Gamma Rho/Florida State University '08



The second Runner-Up for the Reginald E. F. Colley Award is Brother James Black from Gamma Rho Chapter of Florida State University.

Foundation Scholarships

Foundation Chapter Scholarship Funds—The Result of a Lifetime of Service

By Jim Morgan (Delta Xi/ Valparaiso '73), Foundation Chapter Secretary



There are many ways for an alumnus member of Theta Chi to give back to this great organization that provides such wonderful opportunities for leadership, friendship, guidance, personal growth, and encouragement. The Foundation's scholarship endowments are primarily the result of one man's efforts to do just that, give something back... giving of his vision, his dedication, his love for the Fraternity, and his lifetime of service.

Brother Sherwood Blue, the Foundation's original architect and administrator, and a handful of similar-minded alumni organized and incorporated the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity in 1953 out of a desire to lend a helping hand. They invested wisely and conservatively to protect and grow the Foundation's assets. For the first 35 years, Brother Blue personally read all correspondence, processed scholarship applications, paid bills, directed investments, kept the records, and fretted over every detail of the Foundation's business like a mother hen. He did this while building a career as a lawyer in Indiana's capitol city and while serving in several offices and directorships at the national level of the Fraternity.

In the early 1970s, he risked his legal reputation in a civil trial to protect the Foundation's first endowed trust from a challenge by heirs of the deceased. This chapter in Brother Blue's service to Theta Chi played for weeks on the front page of the Indianapolis newspapers as he met the challenge with reserve and confidence. Sherwood Blue was a formidable presence in the courtroom. He never faltered and eventually gained a favorable ruling.

In the early 1990s, Brother Blue sponsored the hiring of a manager for the Foundation Office and he recruited a number of brothers to serve on the Foundation's Board of Directors. As age and failing health began to take their toll, he and his wife, Janet Roberts Blue, placed all of their worldly assets in a trust and named the Foundation as the primary beneficiary. The total amount endowed for the benefit of the Foundation's scholarship programs now exceeds \$5,000,000.

So, what is the Foundation doing to ensure that this legacy lives up to Brother Blue's lifetime of service? The Foundation's Board of Directors is following his example by investing wisely and conservatively to preserve the assets and ensure a consistent earnings stream. All the earnings are put to use annually as academic scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students at accredited colleges and universities. This year, a total of 51 scholarships was awarded to members from 26 chapters. The total amount awarded was \$110,000 and next year that amount is projected to grow by at least 50% as the proceeds from the Blue Trust reach their full potential.

Now, what can **you** do to ensure that Brother Blue's legacy lives on?

You can start by applying for a scholarship or by encouraging another member to apply. All it takes is a couple of hours of personal research and organization.

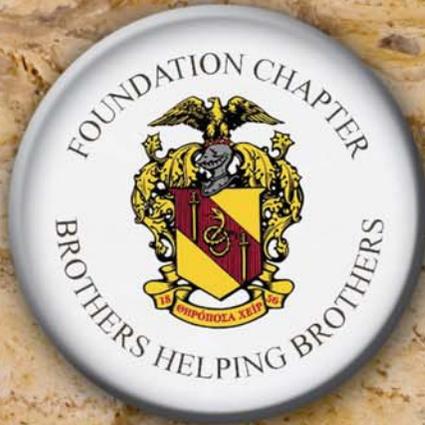
If you are no longer in school, you can contribute money to the scholarship endowments so they will grow to meet the needs of future students.

You can contribute your time to establish and grow your own chapter's scholarship fund.

You can add the Foundation to your will or establish your own trust to the benefit of future members of Theta Chi.

No matter what you do, it all adds up and it extends the legacy fostered by Brother Blue.

Act now by contacting the Director of Foundation Services at the International Headquarters. Email cmorgan@thetachi.org or phone 317-824-1881 ext. 125.



2008–2009 Sherwood and Janet Roberts Blue Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Michael A. Altrichter
(Beta Kappa/Hamline '09)
Criminal Justice/Sociology



Michael T. Bernstein
(Gamma Rho/Florida State '09)
Accounting/Finance



Matthew T. Blanchard
(Eta Rho/Centenary '11)
Major and Minor in Chemistry
and/or Physics



Kale B. Burdick
(Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan '08)
Studying law at the University of
Nebraska College of Law



Marco A. Rajo Andrade
(Eta Rho/Centenary '10)
Neuroscience



Daniel M. Best
(Gamma Rho/Florida State '08)
English
Currently enrolled at Ohio State
studying higher education and student
affairs. Daniel also serves as the advisor
for the Theta Chi Colony at Ohio State.



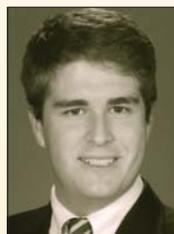
Nicholas Brickley
(Iota Theta/Central Florida '08)
Majoring in Finance



Aaron J. Chilelli
(Iota Theta/Central Florida '09)
Political Science/International Studies
and Music



Dustin F. Baker
(Gamma Tau/Drake '08)
Psychology



Carl A. Beyer
(Tau/University of Florida '09)
Economics and Biochemistry



James Brower
(Eta Chi/George Mason '07)
Currently studying law at University of
Pittsburgh School of Law



Gregory D. Cox
(Alpha Iota/Indiana '10)
Accounting



David S. Baumgartner
(Beta/MIT '08)
Pursuing a Masters of Science in
Civil Engineering at Northwestern



James A. Black
(Gamma Rho/Florida State Univ. '08)
Attending graduate school at Georgia
Institute of Technology to achieve a PhD
in Mechanical Engineering, James was
Runner-Up for the 2008 Colley Award.



Michael C. Brown, Jr.
(Eta Kappa/James Madison '09)
Finance



Paulo A. Garcia
(Gamma Chi/Randolph-Macon '06)
Currently pursuing a PhD at Virginia
Tech School of Biomedical Engineering
and Sciences

Foundation Scholarships



Michael J. Gelsomino
(Gamma Rho/Florida State '06)
 Entering St. George's University School of Medicine this fall.



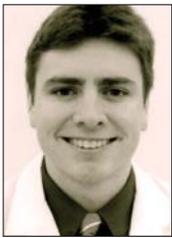
Nathaniel Hibben
(Alpha Mu/Iowa '04)
 Currently pursuing a J.D. at Liberty University School of Law



Brett Martin
(Eta Rho/Centenary '08)
 Studying medicine at Louisiana State University Health Science Center-Shreveport



Matthew J. Olson
(Iota Eta/University of the Pacific '04)
 Pursuing a law degree at University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law



John B. Gillett
(Delta Iota/Northwestern '06)
 Attending The Chicago Medical School, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science



Jacob A. Kalencik
(Delta/Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute '08)
 Mechanical Engineering



Trevor J. Michels
(Theta Iota/University of California-Santa Cruz '04)
 Currently studying law at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law



Derek J. Overstreet
(Beta Nu/Case Western Reserve '08)
 Attending Arizona State pursuing a PhD in Biomedical Engineering



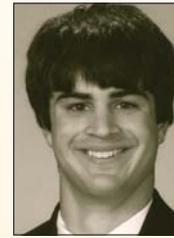
Philip O. Giordano
(Eta Kappa/James Madison '07)
 Pursuing an MBA at The College of William and Mary



Daniel S. Leventhal
(Iota Theta/Central Florida '09)
 Microbiology/Molecular Biology and Biotechnology



Christopher J. Morata
(Iota Theta/Central Florida '09)
 Digital Media



Christopher C. Parrish
(Iota Beta/Missouri State '10)
 Nursing with a specialization in Anesthesiology



Jesse J. Gutierrez
(Zeta Epsilon/California State-Long Beach '09)
 International Business



Matthew S. Levine
(Gamma Tau/Drake '06)
 Currently working on a Masters degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Iowa State



Nicola R. Morina III
(Beta Delta/Rutgers '09)
 Has been accepted into Rutgers Graduate School of Education



Michael C. Pavlik
(Beta Nu/Case Western Reserve '09)
 Music Education

Many thanks to all the Brothers who support the Foundation's scholarships by donating to the Foundation Chapter's annual campaign.



Ryan Post
(Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan '07)
 Studying law at University of
 Nebraska-Lincoln



Seth A. Rubinstein
(Beta Sigma/Lehigh '06)
 D.D.S. at New York University College
 of Dentistry



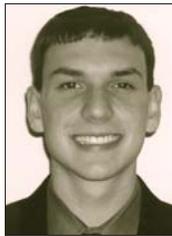
Nicholas Stavrakis
(Beta Delta/Rutgers '09)
 Finance



Justin A. Wasko
(Tau/University of Florida '07)
 Pursuing a graduate degree in
 Pharmacy from University of Florida
 College of Pharmacy



Kevin Reilly
(Tau/Florida State '08)
 Masters of Science in Management
 Kevin is Theta Chi's 2008 Colley
 Award winner.



David W. Seitzinger
(Alpha Kappa/West Virginia '09)
 Pre-Pharmacy



Christopher M. Tanner
(Beta Nu/Case Western '09)
 Biochemistry



Blake S. Weihs
(Gamma Tau/Drake '10)
 Information Systems and Marketing



Anthony D. Reo
(Gamma Kappa/Miami '09)
 Accounting



Daniel G. Slone
(Iota Beta/Missouri State '08)
 History



Raymond W. Vanlanot, II
(Alpha Iota/Indiana '08)
 Graduate studies in Psychology
 and Neuroscience. Ray is a Runner-Up
 for the 2008 Colley Award.



Steven J. Wiley
(Gamma Rho/Florida State '09)
 Real Estate and Business Management



Benjamin B. Roberts
*(Beta Xi/Birmingham-Southern
 College '10)*
 Biological Chemistry



Matthew J. Snowdon
(Alpha Upsilon/Nebraska '09)
 Biological Science/Pre-Med



Andrew B. Walters
(Beta Sigma/Lehigh '09)
 Supply Chain Management



Brock Wurl
(Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan '04)
 Studying law at the University of
 Nebraska College of Law



Matthew B. Strausburg
(Alpha Iota/Indiana '08)
 Biology

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Daniel J. Myers
(Beta Nu/Case Western Reserve '08)
 Pursuing a law degree at Cleveland State,
 Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

(photo not received)
Justin B. Beffa
(Iota Eta/University of the Pacific '10)
 History

(photo not received)
Daniel Neumann
(Beta Nu/Case Western Reserve '09)
 Currently in a BS/MS degree Structural
 Engineering program at Case Western

A photograph of the Theta Chi Fraternity entrance. In the foreground, a brick wall features the words "Theta Chi Fraternity" in red lettering. Behind the wall, three tall flagpoles stand against a clear blue sky. From left to right, they fly the Theta Chi flag (white with a red square and Greek letters), the United States flag, and the Canadian flag. The background shows green trees and a clear sky.

1856 LEGACY SOCIETY ESTABLISHED

In 1953, the Foundation Chapter was established with an estate gift from the Krannert family, who were well known in Indianapolis for their generous support of institutions for higher education. This initial gift created the opportunity for us to provide scholarships and educational grants that, over the years, have benefited hundreds of our Brothers.

That Krannert estate gift also created the opportunity for individual Brothers to make estate gifts to the Foundation Chapter in support of these programs. These gifts comprise the majority of the assets from which we derive the investment income that allows us to do more each year to assist our Brothers and we have already received several.

Numerous other Brothers have notified us that they have remembered us in their estate planning, and we know that still other Brothers have already named the Foundation Chapter in their estate plans but have yet to send us official notification.

Yet, we have never had a formal program to encourage and handle these estate "planned gifts" ...*until now*.

At our Board meeting, held during the 152nd Convention this past summer in Indianapolis, we approved the creation of the **1856 LEGACY SOCIETY**, which will serve as the cornerstone of our Planned Giving Program. In launching this program now, we are asking all our alumni brothers to consider adding the Foundation Chapter to their estate planning.

Between now and December 31, 2010, we will be contacting you to answer questions and facilitate the opportunity for you to become a Charter member of the **1856 LEGACY SOCIETY**. As a Charter member, your name will be added to a plaque prominently displayed in the main conference room at the Fraternity Headquarters, recognizing your commitment to the "Helping Hand."

The process is simple. Just add the Foundation Chapter as a beneficiary of your estate and send notification to Cathie Morgan, Director of Foundation Services, Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, 3330 Founders Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46268. If you have any questions, or if you would like additional information, Cathie Morgan can be reached at (317) 824-1902 or cmorgan@thetachi.org. You can also find additional information under the Foundation tab on the Fraternity website: www.thetachi.org.

A few years ago, the Foundation Chapter adopted the motto of "Brothers helping Brothers," and the success of the **1856 LEGACY SOCIETY** will truly manifest this belief.

We are looking forward to adding your name to the **1856 LEGACY SOCIETY**.

—Warren Hoffman, President,
and Cathie Morgan, Director of Foundation Services,
The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi



By Bill Jenkins, Phi Kappa Tau
Development Director for Partners in Prime, a United Way agency
Member of Foundation Chapter Planned Giving Committee

Commit to the **1856 LEGACY SOCIETY** Today

“Good thoughts are no better than good dreams if you don’t follow through.” —Ralph Waldo Emerson

Not so very long ago, my wife and I tackled a project we had put off too long: rewriting our wills. Our attorney had given us a great checklist of things we needed to ponder in the process, which we did. And when we took the document to him to authenticate what we had done (and to be sure it was legal), we came away from our meeting feeling good about what we had accomplished.

Do we anticipate our demise is imminent? I hope not. Over the years I’ve known lots of folks who seriously believed that to write a will would hasten their death. (I’ve repeatedly threatened to write an estate planning brochure titled “If I Write a Will, Will I Die?”) Yes, if you write a will, you’ll die. Yes, if you don’t, you’ll die. It’s really surprising how many people dread making a will, let alone revising it from time to time.

Frankly, when we revised our will, it was almost therapeutic! A number of things had happened in our lives since we initially penned a will some years before. Those mileposts needed to be re-examined. For one thing, the exercise to revise your will gives you the opportunity to re-think how you want to be remembered, what charities and organizations have meant most to you, and specifically how your assets will benefit those persons and organizations you have cherished in your lifetime.

Segue to Theta Chi.

In the normal day-to-day course of their work, the staff and officers of the Theta Chi Foundation often receive word of the passing of a Brother, usually via a letter from an attorney, indicating the deceased had made a provision in his will for the benefit of Theta Chi. What might be surprising to readers of *The Rattle* is that the attorney’s letter is very often the very first time Theta Chi has known of the Brother’s plans. And while it is a sad day to learn of the passing of a Brother, I have to believe my Theta Chi interfraternity brothers are especially grateful to know he wanted to help preserve the future of the organization by using his will to tell the Fraternity and Foundation of his final wishes.

But, beyond the experience of the loss of a Brother, there is another sad fact: Theta Chi wasn’t aware of his wishes during his lifetime! Talk about sad. Theta Chi wasn’t aware a Brother thought enough about his experience as a member to help make sure other men, most of whom he would never know, would benefit from his thoughtful gesture. Had the Fraternity or Foundation known—had he told someone of his plans—Theta Chi could have thanked him in person, possibly at his own chapter, or an alumni function or convention or leadership workshop.

This Brother simply missed an opportunity to be publicly recognized by his Fraternity and to express to his alumnus and undergraduate Brothers

what his Theta Chi experience meant to him, perhaps inspiring others to follow his lead.

Now comes Theta Chi’s **1856 LEGACY SOCIETY!** Created just this year, the **1856 LEGACY SOCIETY** honors and recognizes those alumni who have made provisions in their estate plans for future generations of student members, for the continuation of educational programming designed to assist young men become better citizens of their campuses and eventually, their communities, and for preservation of Theta Chi’s rich and long heritage.

How can you be involved? Simply name Theta Chi in your will as a beneficiary. This can be most simply done by adding a codicil to your will indicating a specific amount or, better yet, a percentage of your estate to be designated to the Foundation at your death. Your opportunity to become a member of the **1856 LEGACY SOCIETY** is as close as a phone call or letter or email.

Now, all this assumes readers of *The Rattle* actually have a will. It is true that lots of people die without one. And when no will exists . . .

- The state determines the distribution of your property (not you)
- The courts appoint an administrator (not you)
- Your heirs benefit equally by class, not necessarily in proportions you would have intended
- You cannot provide for minors (the court appoints a guardian, and the guardian makes decisions about a child’s care which you should have made)
- Your estate will likely lose thousands of dollars in needless taxes because you didn’t take advantage of tax-saving opportunities available to you
- You cannot support a charitable cause (your Theta Chi experience goes unrecognized, and with it the opportunity for others to benefit).

It’s not the amount you designate from your estate that earns you a place in Theta Chi’s **1856 LEGACY SOCIETY!** Far from it. It’s the depth of your commitment to the future of Theta Chi. Your thoughtfulness will offer your organization the wonderful opportunity to recognize and thank you . . . while you’re still around to have the pleasure of knowing your experience is going to be extended for generations to come.

I’d bet you’d like that, every bit as much as Theta Chi would love having the opportunity to thank you in person!

Act today! Become a charter member of the 1856 LEGACY SOCIETY.



Fraternal News and Notes

Henry Named Campaign Manager

Former Zeta Pi Chapter President, **Mike Henry '90** has been named to manage Mark R. Warner's campaign for the U.S. Senate this year. Henry is a 1990 graduate of Old Dominion and has worked on U.S. House and Senate campaigns in Florida, Illinois, Iowa and Maryland. Most recently, he served as deputy manager of U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. In addition, he has managed successful previous campaigns for Gov. Warner and for Gov. Timothy M. Kaine.

Bronze Star Medal

Balad, Iraq: Bucknell Gamma Eta Chapter alumnus, Class of 1982, **LTC Robert J. DeSousa** of Harrisburg was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for serving with distinction during a year long deployment with the Allentown based 213th Area Support Group Pennsylvania Army National Guard. DeSousa, who is a traditional guardsman, serves in his civilian capacity as the CEO of the Vartan Group, Inc. While deployed, he works as Command Judge Advocate the 213th ASG and also has been serving as Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for his unit's higher command, the Coraopolis based 316 Expeditionary Sustainment Command. DeSousa, who resides in Harrisburg with his wife Elizabeth BU '85 and their four children, returned with his unit to Pennsylvania in May 2008.



LTC James McCormack (Theta Lambda/Bloomsburg '90) and **Major Tim Brooks (Theta Lambda/Bloomsburg '92)** also received the Bronze Star while stationed in Balad. They served our country there from April 2007 to



On June 7, 2008, alumni, undergrads, and their guests from the Eta Lambda Chapter (Virginia Tech) gathered at the home of Brother Jeff Veatch ('93) to raise money for their Alumni Association. The event was a big success and provided an opportunity for brothers representing more than four decades to meet and swap stories. Eta Lambda Alumni Association hopes to make this an annual event in northern Virginia. (Submitted by Frank Overbey '73, Alumni Association Vice President)



Theta Chi celebrates three Bronze Star medal winners: LTC Bob DeSousa (Gamma Eta/Bucknell '82), Major Tim Brooks and LTC Jim McCormack (Theta Lambda/Bloomsburg '92 and '90 respectively).

April 2008. Established in 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the United States Army after December 6, 1941, distinguished himself or her-

self by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against an armed enemy; or while engaged in military opera-



Theta Chi Alumni Volunteer at Virginia YMCA. Every Saturday morning these Zeta Pi alumni volunteer their time to coach preschool soccer at the Greenbrier YMCA. YMCA coordinator, Amanda Quinn writes, "What a great tribute to Theta Chi and the values (it) instilled in these brothers!" Back Row: Chris Florence '01, Stephen Murphy '02, Billy Quinn '00, Kevin Moody '02, and Bryan Doyle '06. Front Row: Future Theta Chis George Murphy, Will Quinn

tions involving conflict with an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

Praise for Fundraising at Zeta Pi Chapter

Janine Latus writes on her website, "In January I gave a speech at Old Dominion University that was co-sponsored by the women's center, three sororities and a fraternity. There were about 150 people there, at least 20 of them members of Theta Chi Fraternity, and I made a point of addressing them, saying that most men are loving and respectful and most relationships are loving and respectful, but it was their responsibility to call out when they see a man treating a woman poorly. Say, 'You wouldn't let another man treat your sister this way.' Say, 'Stop being a jerk. You're making us all look bad.' Say, 'This is not the way to be a man.'"

"Afterward three members of the Fraternity came up to me. One was the Chapter President, James Joseph Griffin III. The group had decided to donate all of their fundraising for the year to Amy's Courage Fund. They told me their fraternity's goal was to change people's view of what fraternity life is like. It was triumphant. Young men



Zeta Pi alumni celebrate 40 years since the Chapter's founding and their chapter's fourth consecutive year as Outstanding IFC Chapter at Old Dominion University.

raising money to help women out of abusive relationships.

Their spring event raised \$800. Imagine the lives they'll change.

Men, you have my deepest gratitude."

For more information on Amy's Courage Fund visit www.ifiamissingordead.com



Zeta Pi alumni enjoy reminiscing at their 40th Anniversary party.



David Mirisch (far right) (Delta Omega/Ripon '59) is shown with 30 of his Hollywood celebrity friends at a recent Celebrity Poker Tournament in Los Angeles. The tournament was a benefit for The California Firefighters Association and raised over \$150,000. Money raised at this event is used to benefit local firefighters and their families when a firefighter is killed or seriously injured in the line of duty. In the photograph are Donna Mills, Joshua Malina, Tony Dow, Jerry Mathers, and Joseph Mascolo. Fourth from the left is David's son, Michael. David has put on over 2,500 fundraising events throughout the world. For more information about his good works go to www.dmirisch.com.



Fraternal News and Notes



Rob Donoho (Eta Omega/CSU-Chico '84), Craig Weisner, Vince 'Salame' Licata (Eta Omega/CSU-Chico '85), Eric 'Ringo' Schwartz (Eta Omega/CSU-Chico '85), Hector Acosta (Eta Omega/CSU-Chico '87), Andy Holbrook (Eta Omega/CSU-Chico '84), Steve Howlett (Eta Omega/CSU-Chico '87), Russ Biswell (Eta Omega/CSU-Chico '84), Mark Geenen (Eta Omega/CSU-Chico '83), Vince Romao (Eta Omega/CSU-Chico '83), Joe Silva (Eta Omega/CSU-Chico '82), Randy Robertson (Eta Omega/CSU-Chico '82), Barry Peters (Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz '88), Rudy Petri (Eta Omega/CSU-Chico '84). The kids in the front are Josh Donoho and Corbin Peters. Eta Omega met for their 25th Annual OX Giants game on May 31. Following a pre-party in the parking lot, the group made it into the game by the third inning only to see the Giants trailing 4-0. Despite the Giants falling 5-1, the group had a great time catching up on things, recalling great events in Eta Omega history and debating the great issues of today.



Robert Tyburski, Colgate University Vice President, accepts gifts from Jonathan Spagnola (Iota/Colgate '09), Chapter Alumni Foundation Chairman, and Ellis Rowland, (Iota/Colgate '57), Foundation Director.

The Theta Chi Alumni Foundation of Colgate Spring Semester '08 Iota Scholars Awards

The Iota Alumni Foundation proudly presented the Spring Semester Iota Scholars Awards to the Iota Chapter recipients on Monday, April 7, 2008, at a reception held in their newly refurbished living room. The Foundation's commitment to support the academic achievement of the Chapter membership was once again demonstrated by the awarding of more than \$13,750 in academic achievement scholarships to the deserving membership.

It was noted by Alumni Foundation Scholarship Committee Chair Ellis Rowland '57 that, for the third straight semester, Iota Chapter achieved academic honors as being the lead Greek Chapter in the All Mens GPA standings within the Greek system at Colgate." The Chapter should be proud of its 30 brothers who achieved a fall '07 GPA of over 3.19, the all University GPA benchmark. Ellis then presented nine Brothers with Level 1 scholarships of \$250 for achieving a GPA within the range of 3.19-3.49 and 21 Brothers with \$500 Level 2 scholarships in recognition of their achievement of fall '07 GPA's exceeding the 3.5 honors mark.



Chicagoland Brothers, their wives, girlfriends and children turned out for the Beach Boys concert at Ravinia Park on July 14th. The weather cooperated, the conversation was lively and a great time was had by all.



San Diego Alumni Association recently celebrated their 60th Anniversary. David DeVol (Gamma Theta '59), Rick Bellows (Gamma Theta '84), and Mark Manlove (Gamma Theta '69) later at their 60th anniversary party.

The Alumni Memorial Scholars Award once again went to Alexander Glazer '08. This \$1,000 award is presented to the Brother who achieves the highest GPA within the Chapter.

Ellis then commented on the many components of chapter support offered by the Foundation, including the bi-annual Iota Scholars Scholarships, the Arthur Gillick Leadership Award, and the R. Chester Roberts Leadership Award. Combined with support for Chapter facility upgrades, Foundation funding this year will

exceed \$40,000. Last fall, the Iota Alumni Foundation hosted a dedication reception at the chapter house to showcase new furnishings that were a result of the combined effort of the Chapter and alumni. Since Colgate University actually owns the chapter house, the Foundation gifted \$20,000 worth of items it purchased to Colgate for "use and enjoyment within the Theta Chi Chapter House."

The Foundation is proud of the scholastic performance of the Iota Brothers and looks forward to the Chapter's continued success.



27th ANNUAL THETA CHI FRATERNITY SKI TRIP

By James J. Moylan (Gamma Lambda/University of Denver '69)

Eleven Theta Chi Brothers from several chapters participated in the 27th Annual Theta Chi Fraternity Ski Trip to Mammoth Mountain in Mammoth Lakes, California on February 23–27, 2008. The Fraternity ski trip is a tradition started by Brother Dave DeVol (Gamma Theta/San Diego State University '59) and organized by him annually to date!

The Brothers arrived on Saturday and we held the traditional opening banquet at the Whiskey Creek Restaurant. Brother Herb Morgan (Theta Iota/University of California-Santa Cruz '88) served for the first time as Ski Team Memento Chair. It began snowing Saturday evening and snowed all day Sunday making skiing almost impossible. Extremely poor visibility with high winds and blowing snow closed many lifts, keeping the usually intrepid Theta Chi Ski Bums off the slopes. Brother Harris Miller (Theta Iota/University of California-Santa Cruz '89) ably assisted by Sous-Chef Mark Manlove (Gamma Theta/San Diego State University '69) prepared a great dinner for us in the condo on Sunday evening as the storm blew through.

On Monday, we awoke to a picture-perfect "Blue Bird Day" and were able to hit the slopes bright and early. As always, Brother Al Zale (Gamma Theta/San Diego State University '54) did a wonderful job blazing the trails for us as our mountain guide. Brother Chris Hackett (Theta Iota/University of California-Santa Cruz '89) on his snowboard and Brother Hank Griffin (Gamma Theta/San Diego State University '70) alternated as "sweepers" keeping the group safe and intact. After a full day of skiing, boarding and then hitting the hot tub for some muscle therapy, we drove into town to "discover" a great Mexican Restaurant—Roberto's, which will become a regular culinary stop on future ski trips to Mammoth Mountain.

Tuesday brought an even better "Blue Bird Day" and we skied the mountain from the "rope-drop" at Chair 8 until the lifts closed. The closing banquet was held at the picturesque Tamarack Lodge that evening. After a gourmet dinner, we returned to the condos for some tall tales. Departure was early Wednesday morning and it is always a little sad as we realize some of us may not see each other again until the next ski trip.

Brothers interested in joining us on the 28th Annual Ski Trip should mark their calendars for February 28–March 4, 2009, which is the traditional Theta Chi Ski Trip weekend. For further information please contact "Downhill Dave" DeVol at ddevol@aol.com.



Fraternal News and Notes



Davelis Goutoufas (Epsilon Zeta/University of Tampa '90)

Totally Stoked About Stogies

By Dana Guest

Davelis "D.C." Goutoufas (Epsilon Zeta/University of Tampa '90) knows how Tampa grew from a small, factory town nicknamed "Cigar City" into a bustling, thriving metropolis. He understands the history of Tampa and hopes to become part of it. The former Spartan left his mark on the University of Tampa in 1990 by being the first deaf graduate, but today he hopes to leave his mark on the city of Tampa, preserving its cigar smoking past but updating it for future generations. Last year, Goutoufas and a partner opened Gaspar's Cigar Shop, a Westshore establishment where friends gather, sit, talk and share cigars.

What makes Gaspar's stand out in the cigar business is that it is open to members around the clock. They pay a fee for a locker and the access code to the keypad entry. At night, employees roll out a metal barrier closing off the side of the store with the bar and merchandise, while leaving the lounge and lockers open for customers who want to come in and unwind with a cigar late into the night. Goutoufas and his wife, Katie, vamped up a former UPS store with warm paints and dark woods. They



Photography compliments of Nathan Gray (Gamma '06)

Gamma Chapter/University of Maine Turns 100 Years Old.

Submitted by Dick Doyon (Gamma '79), President, Theta Chi Building Association

To honor the event, the alumni held a Centennial Celebration on September 29, 2007 complete with an Open House, Barbecue and Band. It was a beautiful, sunny September day in Maine. Over 80 people were in attendance at the banquet, including the Honorable Elizabeth Schneider, U.S. Senator for Maine. Mike Webster (Gamma '06) developed a PowerPoint presentation which played during dinner relaying Theta Chi facts & history. Dick Doyon emceed the event. At 9pm, found the group adjourned to the Memorial Union Bear's Den for drinks and to listen to the band called His Boy Elroy. Tom White (Gamma '83) was vocalist and played guitar in the band.

finished it with plush leather couches, a coffee bar, a few well-placed pirate statues and black and white photos of an era that Tampa forgot. Rows and rows of premium and hand rolled cigars nestle in ceiling-high cases waiting to be smoked to a nub.

Goutoufas says he's always been a part of something, even in college. He still speaks fondly of his Theta Chi Fraternity Brothers. "Some people leave Tampa. Some people stay. Some you never see again. But, I keep in touch with my Frat Brothers no matter where they

go," he said. "The shop isn't just about cigars," he said in a recent *Creative Loafing* article. "It is an embodiment of something that is uniquely American: the freedom to do and become whoever and whatever you want."



Beta Sigma Brothers celebrate their 50 year class reunion
 Back row: Dick Reller (Beta Sigma/Lehigh '58), Gil Stone (Beta Sigma/Lehigh '58), Curt Shollenberger (Beta Sigma/Lehigh '58), Frank Scheid (Beta Sigma/Lehigh '58). Front Row: Dave Magoon (Beta Sigma/Lehigh '58), Dr. Gast, President, Lehigh University; and Dan Ritter (Beta Sigma/Lehigh '58)

Every year since graduation from Lehigh University, the Brothers of the 1958 class of Beta Sigma Chapter have held a reunion. Due to military, work, and family considerations, not everyone was able to attend each reunion, but at least half of the class was present each year. In the beginning it was only the Brothers, but in recent years everyone has been able to attend and our wives are now included in our annual gatherings. At our 50th Lehigh University reunion, University President, Dr. Alice P. Gast, was so impressed on hearing of our annual gatherings that she decided to meet with us at the luncheon honoring the 50 year class. Unfortunately one of our Brothers, Bill Norlander, was unable to attend the reunion.



In May, Gamma Phi Chapter/ Nebraska Wesleyan University classes of 1959-64 held a reunion in Sedona, Arizona with 20 Brothers attending including two second generation Brothers who live in the Sedona area.



John Babinski (Eta Alpha/Clemson '81), Phil Rash (Eta Alpha/Clemson '80), Eric Scheck (Delta Psi/ University of Kansas '86), Toby Proctor (Eta Alpha/Clemson '81), Brad Proctor (Delta Psi/ University of Kansas '86), Ted King (Eta Alpha/Clemson '79), Mark Payne (Eta Alpha/ Clemson '80) met this past spring for their 9th Annual Canoe trip. The trip, started by Phil Rash and Toby Proctor, takes place in Twin Bridges, Missouri. John and Mark live in South Carolina, Phil in Chicago, Eric in New Jersey, Mark in Atlanta, Brad and Toby in Kansas City.

Inaugural Theta Chi 'Bike The Ball' a big success

By: SEAN VASS-Contributing writer

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Two Theta Chi Fraternity chapters, Zeta Pi and Theta Xi, presented a \$4,000 check to the Children's Miracle Network at the beginning of a Virginia Commonwealth University men's basketball game. Fraternity members from VCU and Old Dominion teamed up to raise the money in a cycling relay that stretched from ODU in Norfolk to VCU in Richmond, Virginia. Fraternity members brought the game ball with them as they rode along the back roads of the nine counties. The 115-mile bicycle ride was sponsored by local businesses. Community friends and families contributed donations to the relay, as well. "The \$4,000 raised is distributed between the two hospitals (Children's Hospital and VCU's Department of Pediatrics)," said Ryan Corrigan, Executive Director of Richmond's chapter of the Children's Miracle Network. "The money will be used for everything from facility improvements to programs to direct basic care." Every year, the Children's Miracle Network aids more than 150,000 Richmond-area children.

The bicycle relay began on ODU's campus at noon and ended at VCU a half an hour before the game's tip-off. Theta Chi's Philanthropy Chair and Event Coordinator, **Aaron Page**, rode the final five miles. "It was long. It was hard," Page said. "It was a lot colder than we thought, but we made it. We're going to try to make this an annual thing."

VCU's Theta Chi President, **Jonathan Wang**, is delighted with the camaraderie the event created. The cyclists were a combined 27 Theta Chi members from both universities. "It definitely brought our Brotherhood together, as well as our Chapter from Old Dominion University, for a really great cause," Wang said. "We hit a few bumpy roads along the way, because it is our first year doing it, but—other than that—I couldn't have been happier."

Theta Chi Alumnus Honored at Our Nation's Capitol

Lawrence (Larry) H. Kloess, Jr. (Alpha Phi/University of Alabama '56) was honored along with 86 of our nation's finest WW II veterans as part of the Honor Flight Program. Started in 2004 by retired Captain Earl Morse, Honor Flight recognizes the sacrifices of WW II veterans on behalf of all Americans by hosting a day trip to Washington, D.C. for a tour of the Lincoln Memorial, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and other war memorials. These groups were also addressed by and spent time with their U.S. Senators and national public figures, such as Senator Robert Dole in Larry's case. Civic organizations raise money and charter a commercial plane to send some of our nation's finest and, in many cases, forgotten heroes for the tour of a lifetime and long overdue recognition. Due to the ages of many of these veterans, nurses and other health care personnel are needed and pay their own way to accompany these veterans. "Our tour buses were marked with 'Honor Flight' signs and the applause from those on the sidewalks was amazing and touching. Seeing the war memorials in the company of others who served to protect this great nation and the appreciation of passersby created emotions I was not prepared for. Senator Dole was most gracious and we could tell he considered himself one of us," Larry said.



The group left from Montgomery, Alabama, at 4:00 a.m. and returned at 7:00 p.m. to a hero's welcome. "The Montgomery Airport was packed, standing room only really," said Larry. A military band was playing patriotic songs, several hundred active duty personnel were on hand, and thousands of family members and friends assembled to provide the perfect hero's welcome. Larry's wife, Jean, as well as sons Larry III, Price, and Branch and his wife, Carol, were on hand. "We were all waiting for the plane to arrive," recalls Larry III. "When it was announced that they were three miles away, everyone rushed to the windows to watch. Finally the plane came into view and landed amid cheers and thunderous applause. An American flag appeared from the co-pilot's window and military personnel stood at attention on the tarmac as the plane approached the terminal. It was quite an emotional scene. There was not a dry eye in the place."

"In a time where our freedoms are taken for granted and we have so much to be thankful for, I really appreciate programs like Honor Flight," mused Larry. "Every day is a gift and at my age, this one was a particularly special one. I am so glad to have shared this with my family. I think Tom Brokaw was right on the mark when he wrote about my generation as being 'The Greatest Generation.' At least I hope we have lived up to this and will be remembered this way." Larry is a retired attorney in Montgomery Alabama. He and his wife, Jean, have four sons, three of whom are Theta Chi legacies: Larry III (Alpha Phi/University of Alabama '76), Price (Alpha Phi/University of Alabama '79), and David (Alpha Phi/University of Alabama '85). He has been an active Theta Chi alumnus and has served for many years on the House Corporation Board.



Bruce Bagge stands in front of the Arthur W. and Harriet A. Bagge Memorial Health Care-A-Van.

Norwegian American Hospital Unveils Chicago's Largest Pediatric Mobile Unit

The Arthur W. and Harriet A. Bagge Memorial Health Care-A-Van

On April 23, 2008, Bruce and Colleen Bagge were honored at the dedication ceremony of the Arthur W. and Harriet A. Bagge Memorial Care-A-Van, a formal pediatric mobile health care unit program. The Pediatric Care-A-Van serves the under-insured and non-insured children living in the communities served by Norwegian American Hospital.

The Norwegian American Hospital Pediatric Care-A-Van is a self-contained and self-sufficient mobile medical unit. This 14-ton mobile unit is a fully-equipped and stocked physician's office on wheels. The Pediatric Care-A-Van has two, full-sized, patient examination rooms, laboratory, medical records area and nursing station. It also features a fully-equipped pulmonary function, hearing and vision lab and is, of course, entirely handicapped accessible.

"It is astonishing and remarkable that Bruce should remember Norwegian American Hospital in his active retirement," said Judge Perry J. Gulbrandsen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Norwegian American Hospital. "This generosity is consistent with the Bagge family's dedication to our hospital, and it shall bear the names of his mother and father as loving, generous donors."

The \$675,000 in funding that made all this possible was provided by a grant from the Children's Care Foundation, where Bruce Bagge has spent over 40 years on their Board of Directors and the last 11 years as Chairman of the Board.

Norwegian American Hospital, the Children's Care Foundation and the Bagges strongly believe that all children have a fundamental right to good health and have a right to accessible, preventative and quality care to maintain their health.

Brother Frank Duncanson Volunteered in the Recent California Firestorm

Brother Frank Duncanson (Zeta Epsilon/CSU-Long Beach '98) seems to have a neat story at every alumni meeting due to his volunteering efforts. One of the nobler and closer to home events occurred when he was called to respond to southern California wildfires last fall. Frank was part of the national call-up by the American Red Cross to help in the disaster response.

Originally sent to San Diego County and then transferred to the San Bernardino Mountains, Frank was assigned to drive one of the American Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV) into affected areas. The national response meant that volunteers were responding from all 50 states. Due to his familiarity with the San Bernardino Mountains, Frank was made lead scout and on-scene coordinator. It was up to him to lead strike teams into the affected fire areas.

"I remember the first task force on the first day of operations. I was to lead nine ERV's, two supply trucks and several support vehicles of nurses, security, and staff." Frank recalled, "We hit fog on the way in and it was my job to get 45 people up into the mountain burn area safely and ready to give aid. My Theta Chi experience helped in dealing with the unknown and with plans that had to be changed and adapted on the fly due to conditions. I got them up there and continued to take crews up to the affected area for the next two weeks. I was always the first up the mountain and the last down during that time."

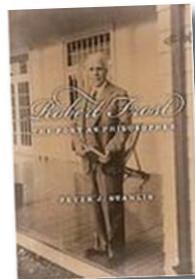
"To see the aftermath of such a devastation that affects people, homes and lives can touch you deep." Frank continued, "But to see the good of a person who volunteered to help, without pay, to give to another in need is a great experience. To give comfort to another human, offer them a warm meal, or to give a piece of candy to a small child so they can be a kid again and celebrate Halloween, can touch you very deeply and profoundly. It makes you learn what's important as you work with those who have truly lost everything."

That was not the only Halloween Frank has been away from our brotherhood. In 2005, Frank also responded to the Red Cross call and found himself working in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina during Halloween. Frank worked over two weeks in the ravaged city, providing food and supplies to returning residents and helping those who had lost so much.

The size and scale of the California wildfires were vast in scope. To help grasp the size of the efforts that Red Cross made, Frank supplied some of the numbers for just the San Bernardino/Riverside/Orange county area.

- 855 Homes were affected by the fires
- 15,000 people registered into those shelters
- 14 Shelters were opened
- 9 Feeding Sites (Dining Rooms) were opened
- 2 mobile kitchens were opened to service those
- 57,160 Meals Served
- 25 ERV's (Emergency Response Vehicles) were dispatched to the San Bernardino area
- 110,000 Snacks/Drinks/Water were handed out
- 51,000 bulk Items handed out (rakes/shovels/trash bags/first aid kits/etc...)
- 12,000 Cleanup kits (broom/mop/bucket/bleach/sponges)

Zeta Epsilon salutes Brother Duncanson for his service to the larger community and for truly extending the Helping Hand.



Beta Mu/ Middlebury Alumni honored by Illinois House of Representatives

Brother Peter Stanlis (Beta Mu/Middlebury '42) cofounder of the American Society of Eighteenth Century Studies and author of *Robert Frost: The Poet as Philosopher* was honored by Rockford, Illinois, Mayor Larry Morrissey with the proclamation of October 29, 2007 as Robert Frost and Peter J. Stanlis Week. Stanlis is considered the foremost authority on Frost and is Professor Emeritus at Rockford College. Among many other honors, Brother Stanlis was appointed to the National Endowment for the Humanities by President Ronald Reagan and served a six-year term on that board from 1982 through 1988. Stanlis said, "In August 1944, out of gratitude to Robert Frost for all that he has done to foster my academic career, and out of admiration of him as a man and poet, I promised him that someday I would write the best book about his art and thought that I had it in me to write. This is that book." A major contribution to American literary study and philosophy, Brother Stanlis's book, published by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, is available through Amazon.com.

Brother Still Sailing Under the Flag of ΘΧ

By Kody Connelly (Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan '11)

Imagine this...you are 74 years old and repairing a ship from World War II in order to sail it across the Atlantic Ocean from Greece to America—all of this in an effort to transform it into a memorial. That's exactly what Richard "Dick" Meyer and a small crew did.

In 2000, he and nineteen other men ranging from the ages of 61–76 (the average age being 72) traveled by plane to Syros, Crete, an island owned by Greece off the coast of Italy. These twenty men were about to spend three months laboring over Landing Ship Tank (LST) 325 and sail it back to the United States. Original crewmen of various LSTs wanted to erect a memorial to help remember their fellow sailors who had been lost and to remember the important role the LST's played in winning many battles. Meyer and his group began the search for an LST and, as it would turn out, Greece was ready to part with one.

After the three long months of tedious labor in temperatures ranging from 105 to 115 degrees Fahrenheit, the men were ready to set sail. It was to take eleven days to sail from Crete to Gibraltar and another 43 days to reach Mobile, Alabama. There was just one problem in sight: U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Secretary Albright didn't want some "aged" men running a ship from Greece to America.

"Albright had delayed us three separate times for the most ridiculous of reasons," states Meyer. "Number one, she was worried about our health. We had already sent everybody who wasn't in the best of health back to America within the first two weeks. Number two, she wanted experienced sailors. We didn't know whether to laugh or be outraged at this! Over half of our crew was composed of retired petty officers who had served on this type of ship in World War II."

Once the Meyer's group finally convinced Secretary Albright that the crew of LST 325 was fit to sail from Greece to America, the long journey home began. Toward the middle of the voyage in the Atlantic Ocean, a storm that had been brewing caught the crew. After three days



Left to Right: Kale Burdick, Ryan Post, Dick Meyer, Morgan Capek, Jamey Kennel, John Schuller, Derek Hutchins, Nick Massey, Corbin Otteman, Macklin Warrington, Scott Lloyd, Richie Nelson, Phil Raabe, Sam Herman, Corey Allard, Andrew Riquier, Brian Grummert, Todd Eberle, Mike Dvorak, Bruce Bullerdiek, Kevin Grummert, Dylann Pinkman, Ben Stalder, Jesse Perkins, Kody Connelly. Not Pictured: Lorenzo Gaskins, Brendan Rice, Clark Anderson, Grant Anderson, Andy Barron, John Hodge, Andy Kirchner, Kevin Stange, Denny Vaggalis.

the seas finally calmed, only for the crew to find that they were further south than they had wanted. To correct this misfortune, they spent an extra week and a half getting back on the original course.

It took nearly one full year to travel from Gibraltar to the United States traveling at a maximum of 14 mph. "The crew had fun, though," Meyer reiterated in a personal interview, "even though we were, and still are, a bunch of old men."

Dick Meyer has an interesting story himself. Born in the mid 1920s in Lincoln, Nebraska, he graduated from Lincoln Northeast High School in the year 1943. Instead of heading straight to college, Meyer decided to join the US Navy, where he spent about two years on LST 487 in the South Pacific. In 1946, after Meyer left the Navy, he decided to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University on the GI Bill because of the wonderful reputation of the institution. Even though he was twenty years old, two years older than his fellow freshmen, Meyer became interested in Delta Omega Phi Fraternity due to the influ-

ence of a couple of his football teammates. Meyer pledged into the fraternity in 1946.

In 1949 (Meyer's junior year), Delta Omega Phi decided to merge with the nationally known Theta Chi Fraternity and Meyer became a charter member of Gamma Phi Chapter. Shortly after graduating in 1950 with a degree in education, Meyer went on to serve as a Regional Counselor and then in the Grand Chapter from 1978 to 1986 as Historian, and finally, Secretary. Richard Meyer's service to his country and his fraternity exemplifies our motto of the Helping Hand. Meyer's example is one that every Brother can look to as an example of what a Brother of Theta Chi can achieve.

Truly
Heartfelt
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Commitment
Helping Hand
Idealism

A Lifetime Dedication to Family, University and Fraternity

By Bruce Petsche (Delta Iota/Northwestern '53)

Many Theta Chi members see our motto and the ideals of our brotherhood as a responsibility they carry with them gladly throughout life. Four of our Delta Iota members have given significant amounts of their time as esteemed members of the official advisory group called the "Board of Visitors" to the Weinberg School of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern (formerly referred to as "Liberal Arts"). The Board of Visitors consists of 40 graduates of Northwestern and meets twice a year to discuss and evaluate various concerns about the curriculum, staff and all other relevant issues to the education process. Selected out of more than 150,000 graduates since 1950, these 40 represent successful academicians, businessmen and professionals.

Delta Iota Chapter is proud to have the following four members on this highly responsible body, which suggests and helps create policies to keep a liberal arts program relevant in the trying years of this 21st century.

Melvin George '56— Dr. George's distinguished career includes leadership roles at St. Olaf College as President, the University of Minnesota as Vice President, and the University of Missouri where he concluded his academic career as President.

George Heilborn '56— whose career began in computers during the initial phases of the computerization of American industry and concluded with establishing his business in this dynamic field.

Chris Combe '70— a member of the Northwestern University Board of Trustees since 1998, his family business is involved in health care and beauty products such as Brylcreem, Aqua Velva, Grecian Formula, Lanacaine, Clearasil and many others.

Eric Moun, M.D. '77— Dr. Moun, a former Naval Flight surgeon, is a dermatologist and senior partner with Dermatology Associates in Boca Raton, Florida and has three daughters who followed their father's footsteps and

attended Northwestern studying law and medicine.

Congratulations are indeed in order for these four Theta Chi's who exemplify and uphold our tradition of commitment and dedication to the university from which they graduated. These four Delta Iota Brothers have been highly supportive of their Chapter throughout the years. Their success in life has been reflected in their dedication to the ideals of their fraternity and, when asked, they have all responded by providing the "HELPING HAND" which is the core of our Fraternity motto. The fact that four of the 40 members of the Board Visitors are Theta Chi's speaks to the idealism and the dedication found in our Fraternity members. First, we seek to pledge men of integrity and intelligence. Second, we nurture those principles through our Fraternity motto and endeavor to support university traditions and customs while in school. And, finally, as alumni, we support both the local and the national branches of the Fraternity in our efforts.


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Chapter Eternal

May 2008 through July 2008

Donors to the Foundation Chapter are noted in **bold**.

Editor's Note: We are pleased to once again be able to print the Chapter Eternal listing. The database work that prevented us from being able to obtain an accurate list for the past several issues has been completed. "Unfortunately, there is a large span of time for which the names of members who passed into the Chapter Eternal cannot be recovered. All those involved with the project offer their apologies for these unavoidable omissions. Any member who has specific questions about Brothers who may have passed away should contact the Headquarters for information through the website at www.thetachi.org.



ALPHA CHAPTER

Norwich University
Roe S. Clark, Jr., 1941
John R. Finn, 1946
James G. Galanes Jr., 1952
Robert M. Jurick, 1951

BETA CHAPTER

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Richard DeCloux

GAMMA CHAPTER

University of Maine
Alec Alenskis, 1949
Frederick P. Andrews, 1950
David E. Campbell, 1929
George A. Clarke, 1936
Rodney F. McConkey, 1954

DELTA CHAPTER

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Robert A. Filipek, 1980

EPSILON CHAPTER

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
William R. Bingham, 1946
Robert A. Luoma, 1951
James A. MacNabb, 1928
Randall E. Morse, 1959
Eugene J. Teir, 1933

ZETA CHAPTER

University of New Hampshire
Gordon F. Frey, 1941
Roscoe A. Pike, 1949

ETA CHAPTER

University of Rhode Island
William W. Forsstrom, 1942
Philip C. Greene, 1944
Edward P. Smith, 1948

THETA CHAPTER

University of Massachusetts
Ralph L. Bailey, 1950
Waldo R. Banks, 1966
Robert E. Bertram, 1949
Alfred P. Brackney, 1956
John W. Brazil, 1955
Louis J. Bush Jr., 1962
Walter M. Bussolari, 1949
Donald W. Christiansen, 1955
Thomas A. Culbertson Jr., 1949

John M. D' Amato, 1978
Robert E. Dion, 1961
Frank R. Duca, 1960
David W. Dyer, 1963
Thomas N. Embler, 1951
Robert S. Ewing, 1941
Fred C. Fosgate, 1942
Ray R. Fuller, 1945
Walter Gajewski, 1953
Alfred F. Gay, 1923
Robert B. Glass, 1939
Thomas P. Gordon Jr., 1942
Bradford G. Gould, 1951
Walter A. Green, 1938
Harold E. Griffin Jr., 1940
Wilfred B. Hathaway, 1941
John H. Hebert, 1977

William A. Hosmer, 1946
Walter G. Irvine Jr., 1941
Richard T. Kennett, 1936
John A. Kirby, 1957
Leo C. Leblanc, 1960
Paul P. Lovejoy, 1975
Richard L. Lundin, 1959
Robert E. Lynch, 1945
Richard D. Makela, 1957
Benn H. Merritt, 1951
Orson K. Miller PhD, 1952
Francis J. Moriarty, 1951
Robert W. Packard, 1939
Ralph A. Pellegrini, 1971
Ronald R. Perry, 1961
Paul R. Plumer, 1929
Vincent E. Powers, 1957
James M. Quinn, 1959
Alfred N. Rabaoli, 1953
John D. Retallick, 1941
Robert H. Russell, 1954
Brian R. Saltus, 1962
Earle B. Seaman, 1957
Richard S. Sexton, 1957
John W. Shannon, 1945
Ronald M. Streeter, 1941
James T. Swanick, 1950
Dana C. Torrey, 1951
Edmund G. Wilcox, 1939
Alan R. Winterhalter, 1953

IOTA CHAPTER

Colgate University
Phillip T. Henson, 1922

KAPPA CHAPTER

University of Pennsylvania
John W. Stirrup, 1931
Clarence L. Wagner, 1932

LAMBDA CHAPTER

Cornell University
John E. Lanphere, 1957

NU CHAPTER

Hampden-Sydney College
Clement J. Robbins III, 1949

XI CHAPTER

University of Virginia
Evan R. Wright, 1933
James C. Yancey, 1924

PI CHAPTER

Dickinson College
Norman M. Eberly, 1924
W.P. Hurst, 1924
W. H. Loban, 1922
William L. Williams Jr., 1929

RHO CHAPTER

University of Illinois
Karl J. Bauer, 1923
Charles O. Kaiser, 1938
William O. Lee, 1933
James T. Lewis, 1959
William K. Quinlan CPA, 1941

SIGMA CHAPTER

Oregon State University
David K. Burks, 1955
Edward J. Campbell, 1950
Dennis L. Child, 1962
Frank W. Dedman, 1931
Alvin B. Friedrich, 1940
Brennan C. Gibson, 2001
Louis P. Hanson, 1936
Herbert T. Osborne, 1941
Raymond R. Reif, 1946
Arthur L. Roberts, 1942
Robert E. Yates, 1942

TAU CHAPTER

University of Florida
Adam P. Worthington, 1994

UPSILON CHAPTER

New York University
Thomas Conaty Jr., 1934
James Iatridis, 1958

PHI CHAPTER

North Dakota State University
O N. Loftthus, 1922

CHI CHAPTER

Auburn University
Benjamin Davies Jr., 1942
Henry L. Megan Jr., 1945
Lewis S. Richardson, 1949

PSI CHAPTER

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Charles J. Gutierrez, 1959
Ralph B. Johnson Jr., 1961
Robert L. Turner, 1954

OMEGA CHAPTER

Pennsylvania State University
Sherwood K. Booth, 1932
Harry G. Heil, 1930
Thomas H. Laferrera, 1955
Michael P. Lazorchak RET, 1961
Daniel T. Powell, 1981
Robert J. Scavello Jr., 1988

ALPHA BETA CHAPTER

University of Pittsburgh
Richard U. Duerr, 1931
Regis D. Petrosky, 1956

ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER

University of Michigan
Joe L. Menger, 1969
Frank O. Smith, 1942

ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER

Purdue University
Ronald A. Nestor, 1963
Thomas F. Walls, 2009

ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER

Stanford University
Theodore A. Bravos, 1942
William J. Hoelle, 1935

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER

Dartmouth College
Webster Goodwin, 1929

ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER

Indiana University
Garland A. Haas, 1946
Kemp F. Martin, 1948
Ralph K. Nash, 1935

ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER

West Virginia University
John L. Doss, 1952

ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER

Ohio State University
Gabriel P. Brinsky, 1939
Robert D. Hendricks, 1950
Stanley D. Hettinger, 1944
Carl L. Johnson, 1950
Lores B. McAllister, 1948
Harold A. Stevens, 1937
Robert E. Vail Jr., 1962

ALPHA XI CHAPTER

University of Delaware
Kenneth R. Balliet, 1962

ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER

Washington State University
Donald D. Shallow, 1941

ALPHA PI CHAPTER

University of Minnesota
Arthur W. Groth, 1920
Willard H. Nordenson, 1925

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER

University of Washington
Jesse R. Eisenberg, 2007
Harold E. Froehlich, 1946
Frank C. Hart, 1943

ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER

University of Oregon
J R. Coolidge, 1930
Ulric V. Dorais, 1944
Eugene W. Griffith, 1949

ALPHA TAU CHAPTER

Ohio University
Paul R. Coffman, 1949
Milfert W. Myers, 1945
Robert W. Smale, 1946

ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Paul L. Hoffman, 1930

ALPHA PHI CHAPTER

University of Alabama
Alexander J. Courtney, 1948

ALPHA CHI CHAPTER

Syracuse University
J A. Swiatlowski, 1938

ALPHA PSI CHAPTER*University of Maryland***Van S. Ashmun, 1939**

Arthur B. Hershberger, 1932

Steven D. Higgs, 1991

ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER*Lafayette College***Robert S. Toale, 1948****BETA ALPHA CHAPTER***University of California-**Los Angeles***Charles C. Bliss, 1937**

Elias Ibrahim, 2008

George L. Viles, 1935

BETA DELTA CHAPTER*Rutgers University*

Howard L. Bradford, 1931

W. Kenneth Smith, 1940**BETA ZETA CHAPTER***Michigan State University***Fullerton R. Boyd Jr., 1956****Howard L. Wright, 1955****BETA ETA CHAPTER***Washington College***Elroy G. Boyer, 1943****BETA IOTA CHAPTER***University of Arizona***James M. Forbes, 1933****Charles M. Posner, 1934****BETA KAPPA CHAPTER***Hamline University***Archie A. Ledegar, 1927**

Leroy C. Wickstrom, 1942

BETA LAMBDA CHAPTER*University of Akron***Henry W. Chorpenning Jr., 1945****Robert C. Wall, 1937****BETA XI CHAPTER***Birmingham-Southern College***C. Andrew Robinson Jr., 1966****BETA OMICRON CHAPTER***University of Cincinnati*

Edward M. Beinhart, 1944

Robert E. Eversull, 1948**Morgan W. Mitchell, 1949****BETA PI CHAPTER***Monmouth College*

John F. Lucas

Robert C. Niklaus, 1952

BETA TAU CHAPTER*University of Southern**California***Alan D. Ewen, 1943****BETA UPSILON CHAPTER***California State University-**Fresno*

Ernie S. Kinney, 1966

BETA CHI CHAPTER*Allegheny College*

Daniel P. Imperiale, 2008

GAMMA BETA CHAPTER*Furman University***H. Gary Anderson Jr.****GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER***Oklahoma State University***Peter S. Kourkoutas, 1950**

Guy S. Short Jr., 1958

GAMMA ETA CHAPTER*Bucknell University***William H. Danneberg Jr., 1962**

John T. Lynch, 1960

John P. Rouse, 1960

GAMMA THETA CHAPTER*San Diego State University***Alan A. Ames, 1974****Richard T. Missman, 1959****GAMMA KAPPA CHAPTER***Miami University*

Robert J. Eppich, 1991

GAMMA LAMBDA**CHAPTER***University of Denver*

Hans Holmen, 1948

Clinton B. Stewart, 1949

GAMMA XI CHAPTER*San Jose State University*

William Clark Jr., 1953

Michel F. Willey, 1958**GAMMA OMICRON****CHAPTER***Wake Forest University***Donald H. Craver, 1956****GAMMA RHO CHAPTER***Florida State University***Andrew J. Heitzman Jr., 1953****DELTA ALPHA CHAPTER***Linfield College*

Guido P. Caldarazzo, 1961

Theo J. Johnson, 1961

DELTA BETA CHAPTER*University of Georgia***Thomas K. Sellers Jr., 1974****DELTA GAMMA CHAPTER***West Virginia Wesleyan College*

Eugen E. Marteney, 1956

DELTA THETA CHAPTER*University of Toledo***Lawrence W. Huff, 1954****DELTA KAPPA CHAPTER***Ball State University*

William C. Evans, 1965

Larry B. Highbaugh, 1955

James E. Land, 1966

DELTA OMICRON CHAPTER*Gettysburg College***James M. Huffstutter, 1956****DELTA PI CHAPTER***Indiana State University***James R. Grillo, 1966****DELTA TAU CHAPTER***Kent State University*

John Burrell, 1950

Sidney A. Davis, 1948

David M. Draime, 1959

Charles E. Fletcher, 1951

Richard L. Frame, 1950

Russell F. Hawsman, 1948

Richard G. Kellogg, 1949

John A. Kilroy, 1951

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William A. Laughlin, 1960

George E. Lintner, 1948

James C. Rhoads, 1948

John G. Shepherd

Robert G. Smith, 1954

Robert A. Smythe, 1950

Ralph A. Stark, 1950

William R. Syring, 1966

William H. Wagner, 1946

DELTA PHI CHAPTER*University of North Texas***Jon C. Scharber, 1970****EPSILON THETA CHAPTER***Tufts University*

Elson P. Dolliver, 1927

Erwin E. Espig, 1927

Elwyn H. Gamage, 1925

Cornelius Greenway, 1926

Norman L. Reed, 1925

EPSILON RHO CHAPTER*Rider University***David K. Helmsold, 1968****EPSILON SIGMA CHAPTER***Wagner College***Norman R. Ferren, 1985****EPSILON TAU CHAPTER***Stephen F. Austin State**University*

Frank V. Touchstone, 1947

EPSILON PHI CHAPTER*University of Central Missouri*

Roy E. Merriott, 1989

EPSILON PSI CHAPTER*New Jersey Institute of**Technology*

Edward G. O'Connell, 2001

ZETA DELTA CHAPTER*Saint Cloud State University*

James L. Brevig, 1967

ETA KAPPA CHAPTER*James Madison University*

David M. Mitchell, 1993

IOTA BETA CHAPTER*Missouri State University***Daniel J. Imperiale, 2006****AT LARGE MEMBERS**

Carl H. Bach, 1924

Richard M. Baldwin, 1930

Michael A. Balkus, 1928

Charles V. Bell, 1932

Walter E. Bening, 1923

Wallace W. Blood, 1923

Lloyd V. Bonner, 1928

Malcolm V. Bowman, 1933

Roy T. Bramson, 1922

John H. Breze Jr., 1934

Hyder B. Burress, 1934

Stuart A. Butts, 1926

Stanton W. Campbell, 1930

John B. Connolly, 1929

John W. Crews, 1933

Lowell R. Dailey, 1932

Paul L. Deverter, 1915

James M. Dikeman, 1930

Earl J. Duncan, 1931

Ralph K. Dupee, 1926

Emerson L. Fishbaugh, 1932

Warren H. Fuermann, 1932

Howard W. Geist, 1929

J. Arhtur Gerber, 1925

Maurice C. Gilbert, 1932

Clarence A. Goodman, 1932

Nicholas C. Gordon Jr., 1933

William E. Hagenbuck, 1935

Joseph C. Hayes, 1934

George T. Hermann, 1935

Vernon L. Hoggatt Jr., 1936

Charles A. Huebner, 1930

Sumner A. Ives Jr., 1932

Everette A. Jarvinen, 1936

Lawrence W. Kanaga Jr., 1934

Fred Kfoury, 1932

Earl F. Kieffaber, 1931

Paul J. Klingenberg, 1933

Robert E. Lee, 1933

Gardner L. Lewis, 1931

Herbert A. Lewis, 1933

William G. Lindner, 1935

Harold C. Lucas, 1929

Nelson R. Lyon, 1929

Joseph F. Mancel, 1933

Thornton C. McCune, 1927

George I. McLemore, 1936

Paul H. Merriman, 1927

John H. Moffat, 1916

Benjamin S. Moore, 1923

Henry K. Moulthrop, 1934

Richard A. Munster, 1929

William E. Myers, 1928

Erland O. Nelson, 1929

Christy M. Nicely, 1932

Walter B. Nickol, 1926

Carrol E. Palmer, 1925

Frederick J. Parker Jr., 1929

William B. Petty, 1930

Robert S. Philip, 1931

Charles H. Phillips, 1928

Lynn A. Phillips, 1927

Clifford A. Plummer, 1936

Daniel A. Ranney, 1930

Edvald L. Rasmussen, 1923

Harold E. Rasmussen, 1921

Edmund T. Rumble Jr., 1931

John Sanders, 1936

Harold G. Sawyer, 1924

Earl F. Schaefer, 1930

S Edmund Sheridan, 1928

Marvin A. Smith, 1929

Kenneth M. Snodgrass, 1923

John V. Spainhower, 1927

Kenneth M. Swanton, 1932

Merwyn C. Teague, 1914

Frank Tobias, 1921

James A. Twardock, 1923

Thomas H. Watt, 1928

Edwin H. Whitaker, 1932

Leroy Whitsitt, 1923

Wendell P. Wood, 1934

Chester A. Wyneken, 1931

BETA KAPPA FRATERNITY

Kenneth L. Davenport

Look to



Delegates from Theta Chi's six colonies and interest groups at the 33rd School of Fraternity Practices and 152nd Anniversary convention held in Indianapolis this past summer.



Dallas Schepers, former President of University of Missouri Colony



Chris Conley (Beta Lambda/University of Akron '04) presided over the colonization of University of Missouri Interest Group, May 11, 2008.

Theta Chi's expansion program began in 1902 with the establishment of Beta Chapter at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Since that time, an additional 215 chapters have been added to the rolls of the Fraternity. Today, the International Fraternity continues to place an emphasis on increasing the total number of active chapters and, in particular, reinstalling inactive chapters.

There are several methods by which Theta Chi (re-)colonizes a campus. In most instances, new groups are recruited by members of the International Headquarters staff on targeted campuses. In some cases, a group of men will come together on their own and petition for recognition. Occasionally, a Brother initiated at one chapter may transfer schools and establish a Theta Chi colony at his new institution.

No matter how a group comes into existence, the creation of a new chapter takes a significant amount of time, energy, and effort on the part of many brothers. However, almost every undergraduate and alumnus member who participates in the expansion process finds the

the Future

By Mike Mayer, Associate Executive Director
(Epsilon Phi/University of Central Missouri '04)

experience to be very rewarding and, most importantly, FUN!

The highlight of Theta Chi's expansion efforts for the past year was the reinstallation of Beta Delta Chapter at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. On April 12, 2008, National Counselor Rich Partridge (Theta/University of Massachusetts '91), assisted by National Historian Joe D'Amore (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg University '77), presided over the installation ceremony whereby 48 Beta Delta Colonists were initiated into Theta Chi Fraternity. Also in attendance were several members of Theta Chi's Official Family including Executive Director Dale Taylor (Alpha Phi/University of Alabama '69), Past National Vice President Al Bulliner (Beta Sigma/Lehigh University '65), Past National Vice President Richard McCauley (Delta Kappa/Ball State University '64), Regional Director Christian Chace (Epsilon Gamma/Widener University '98), Regional Counselor Doug Rentko (Epsilon Psi/New Jersey Institute of Technology '98), and Leadership and Education Consultants Chris Conley (Beta Lambda/University of Akron '04) and Mike Dukles (Beta Lambda/University of Akron '07).

Several alumni in attendance at the reinstallation were recognized for their significant contributions to the Beta Delta expansion effort. Regional Counselor Alex Ruiz (Epsilon Psi/New Jersey Institute of Technology '99) was presented with the Alumni Award on behalf of the Grand Chapter. Citations of Honor were presented to the members of the Colony Advisory Board: Steve Tracey (Beta Delta '78), Glenn Long (Beta Delta '72), Carmine Torella (Beta Delta '98), and Frederick "Rick" Winters (Beta Delta '67). And, special recognition was given to past Leadership and Education Consultant Lucas Elgie (Alpha Phi/University of Alabama '05), who was responsible for recruiting and educating the Colony's initial membership during the 2006–2007 Academic Year.

As Theta Chi moves into another year, expansion continues to be an important focus. Theta Chi started the 2008–2009 academic year with colonies at Alpha Upsilon/University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Gamma Delta/Florida Southern College, Gamma Eta/Bucknell



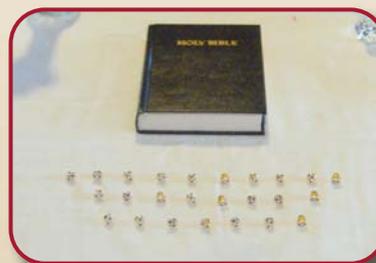
Newly official Theta Chi members of Beta Delta Chapter celebrate at the ceremony with former LEC Lucas Elgie.

University, and the University of Missouri. The Fraternity is also working closely with interest groups at Marshall University and the University of South Florida. In addition, the International Headquarters staff started the process of recolonizing our inactive chapters at The Ohio State University (Alpha Lambda) and Stephen F. Austin State University (Epsilon Tau) earlier this fall. There are plans to recolonize Psi Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Madison during spring 2008.

There are many opportunities available for alumni who wish to get involved in Theta Chi's expansion program. If you are interested in serving as an advisor to one of our colonies or interest groups or are interested in helping to establish (or re-establish) a Theta Chi chapter on a campus near you, please feel free to contact me by phone (317-824-1881) or email (mmayer@thetachi.org). It is always a pleasure to speak with Brothers who are interested in bringing Theta Chi's traditions of excellence to a new campus!



Alumni at Beta Delta's reinstallation ceremony.





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Theta Chi for Life

By Mike Kistler (Epsilon Upsilon/Central Michigan University '73)

Having just returned from the 152nd Convention in Indianapolis, and having also just finishing my second year on the Norwich Housing Corporation Board, I really have had an opportunity to reflect on the importance and the benefits of being a brother in an organization as great as Theta Chi. Theta Chi was a very important part of my undergraduate experience, but having attended law school right out of college, and relocating to Georgia from Michigan shortly thereafter, I lost touch with my local chapter at Central Michigan University. While I never forgot my Chapter and Brothers, and thought about them often, geographically I had grown apart from the Fraternity.

Fortuitously, six or seven years ago, I met Brother Pat O'Conner in a business setting, and we realized our common denominator. We were "Theta Chi for Life." It was really fun talking about the Fraternity with Pat, and I told him I would love to get back involved. Brother O'Connor helped make that happen, and I have been having a great time since. Not only have I enjoyed being involved back with the Fraternity, but the opportunity to meet great brothers from around the country has been a treat.

I have also really enjoyed my first two years on the Norwich Housing Corporation Board. Under the leadership of Brother Lindsay Olsen, who will be greatly missed when he leaves the Board this fall, I feel we accomplished a lot of good things and helped improve housing conditions for many of our alumni corporations and undergraduate brothers. Lindsay scheduled meetings over the past two years in areas where we had houses that the NHC owned, which gave us the opportunity to visit the houses and meet the brothers and alumni with the ultimate goal of helping the local chapter's alumni corporations re-acquire the houses. We visited Oakland, California, and visited the chapter house at Berkeley and, also, the houses at USC and UCLA. We had an opportunity to visit our chapter at Penn State. During the convention, we visited our Purdue chapter and had a very positive meeting with the brothers and alumni there. We are very optimistic that our Alpha Delta Chapter is well on the way returning to their position as the leading fraternity at Purdue University.

I also was fortunate to be able to attend the grand opening of the new chapter house at Chi Chapter at Auburn University. If you have not seen the Chi house, you should definitely try to visit when you are in the area. It is without question a fantastic design for a chapter house, and probably the nicest fraternity house I have seen. The hospitality of the Chi Brothers was second to none. They even showed later that day that they had a decent football team!

In addition to visiting neighboring chapter houses when we have our board meetings, we also usually have a luncheon for alumni in the area. This has been a great venue to meet new alumni brothers and, in some cases, get them more engaged in their alumni corporations.

My first two years on the NHC Board has passed very quickly, and I eagerly look forward to the next two, with the opportunity to visit more chapters and meet more brothers. Getting back involved with the Fraternity has really been great for me, and added real value to my personal life. I hope you all feel the same way about Theta Chi, and that I have an opportunity to meet those of you I have not yet met in the near future.



Alumni Chapters

Connect with Theta Chi Brothers in your area by getting involved with a Theta Chi Alumni Chapter near you. Regional alumni chapters consist of alumnus members from various chapters of the Fraternity who all reside in a certain locality.

Connect with a Regional Alumni Chapter to receive more information about:

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CALIFORNIA San Diego Alumni Chapter

COORDINATOR DAVE DEVOL (ddevol@aol.com)

San Diego Alumni Chapter Monthly Luncheon—Theta Chis from all chapters are welcome to attend the luncheon held the first Tuesday of every month. No reservations necessary. Where: Gordon Biersch's Restaurant (5010 Mission Center Road). When: 11:45 a.m.

ILLINOIS Chicago Alumni Chapter

CO-COORDINATOR JON GRANN
CO-COORDINATOR CHRISTOPHER HAGE
(christopherhage@yahoo.com)

INDIANA Indianapolis Alumni Chapter

COORDINATOR JEREME GRINSLADE
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COORDINATOR CHAD BERREAU
(chad.berreau@wcla.com)

VIRGINIA Virginia Beach Alumni Chapter

COORDINATOR CARLTON BENNETT
(cbennett@bandzlaw.com)

Virginia Beach Alumni Chapter Monthly Luncheon—Brothers in the Virginia Beach area are invited to attend the luncheon held the first Wednesday every month. No reservations necessary. Where: Aldos Ristorante (1860 Laskin Road). When: Noon



The International Headquarters is pleased to announce the members of the 2008–2009 Theta Chi Field Staff. We wish them good luck and safe travels during their year on the road!

Jonathan Fernandez, Tau/Florida, Leadership and Education Consultant
Corey Fischer, Iota Beta/Missouri State, Expansion Coordinator
Bart Zino, Iota Theta/Central Florida, Leadership and Education Consultant
Jason Carmichael, Gamma Chi/Randolph-Macon, Leadership and Education Consultant
Phillip Burns, Iota Lambda/Longwood College, Expansion Coordinator.

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- 2 Founding Fathers
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- 3 Alter Award Recipient Chapters
- 1 Former Student Body President
- 1 Student Newspaper Writer
- 3 Chapters with over 80 members
- 1 Class President
- 1 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges
- 1 Eagle Scout
- 1 Florida Blue Key
- 2 Order of Omega

Please utilize their knowledge and experience to help your chapter!

I Believe...

I sometimes wonder why more of our alumni are not actively engaged with Theta Chi. For me, the undergraduate experience was so rewarding. The opportunity to support an organization that works to build leaders and responsible individuals has proven to be even more fulfilling. Each of us chooses the things we support with our time, talent or treasure. Our Fraternity should be on everyone's list with one of those.

Our Foundation supports our Leadership training programs. We need more individuals to contribute so that our undergraduate members can continue to build their skills and abilities.

Our volunteers support our Fraternity by giving their time to visit chapters, teach in our programs, mentor the undergraduates and be Counselors when that need is present. Many individuals have both professional and personal talent and serve on our committees to improve Theta Chi. But, you know, we continue to need more in every area.

We need individuals at every level of our Fraternity—Chapter Advisors, Regional Counselors, committee members, contributors to our Foundation. I believe there are those of you out there who want to serve our common good and build a better Fraternity, but you don't know how to begin.

I want to help you figure that out!

Just call me or email me. Ask me what you can do or tell me what you want to do. Those with limited time can participate. We are not asking for unlimited time, but rather some of your time and energy.

Please consider making Theta Chi a priority in your life again just as it was those years ago when you stood and recited our Creed.

I believe in Theta Chi and I believe in each of you. Please help us to make our Fraternity continue to be an experience that builds better men. You will be better for it and so will each of our members.

Fraternally,



Dale Taylor (Alpha Phi/University of Alabama '69)
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