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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Installations, celebrations, reflections

Dear Brothers and Friends,

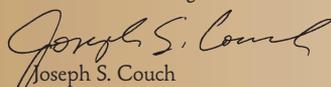
I am often asked what my favorite thing is about serving on the Grand Chapter. Chapter (re)installations and the initiation of members are at the top of my list. I have participated in 11 of these (re)installations and I have walked away amazed by the quality of the young men who are joining our beloved Fraternity. It takes a significant level of resolve and dedication to make the journey from being an interest group to becoming a chapter.

I have also had the privilege of attending three centennial celebrations. This spring, I traveled to Fargo to celebrate 100 great years with the brothers of our Phi Chapter at North Dakota State University. I am still awestruck by the celebration and brotherhood I witnessed that weekend. I was fortunate to meet many alumnus brothers from many different eras and the common thread of nearly every conversation I had with these brothers was that they all wanted to share stories about how Theta Chi helped them become better men. A few of them spoke of how their brothers had extended the Assisting Hand to them during times of personal hardship and loss. Those stories hit close to my heart and made me very proud to be a Theta Chi. It was truly an amazing weekend—from the Pig Banquet to the annual alumni meeting to the closing banquet that was attended by 530 people. Phi Chapter knows how to host a celebration!

Installations and celebrations always make me reflect on my own fraternity experience. One of the most impactful days of my life was in January 1992 when I was extended a bid to join Theta Chi. Just days after that, I was called to the chapter house at 6:00 a.m. Once the entire pledge class had arrived, we were escorted to the front patio and told to look across the street, where another fraternity's pledge class was raking the lawn on a cold January morning while being sprayed with a garden hose. We were then sent home. It was a subtle, but strong message and I greatly appreciated not being subjected to the things that some of my friends in other fraternities endured. The next few years were transformational for me and I became a leader during those years. I am better because of Theta Chi, which has allowed me to help Theta Chi become better.

On a very personal note, Theta Chi has been more valuable to me during the past five months than ever before. My father, Jack Couch, passed away after a lengthy illness. The phone calls, cards, emails and personal visits that I received from my brothers meant more to me than they will ever know. While this is just part of life, my brothers from many different chapters and walks of life came through strong for me during my hour of need. For that, I am truly grateful.

With fraternal regards,


Joseph S. Couch

International President



Joseph and father, Jack Couch



Zeta Omicron Colony/Shippensburg

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New England Patriots Defensive Coordinator Matt Patricia (Delta/RPI 1996) celebrates after the overtime victory in Super Bowl LI. Learn more about his Theta Chi experience on page 8. Cover photo courtesy of the New England Patriots/David Silverman. Above photo courtesy of the New England Patriots/Eric J. Adler



Inaugural Alpha Commission

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Matt Babaian, Alumni Mentor

The Foundation Chapter recognizes our alumni who have made an annual gift to Theta Chi for a decade or more. These men epitomize Theta Chi for Life. Read more **on page 18.**



FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings from Gettysburg.

What a remarkable spring semester for Theta Chi: Sigma/Oregon State, Tau/Florida, and Phi/North Dakota State celebrate 100 years of continuous activity while Charter Members of Iota Lambda gathered to commemorate their 10th anniversary at Longwood University and 48 men at SUNY Oswego exchanged their pledge buttons for badges to become Charter Members of Kappa Epsilon Chapter. After 21 inactive years, 70 men resurrected Alpha Lambda at Ohio State while 15 men established a new colony at CSU-San Marcos.

We are all somewhere on that cycle during our journey in Theta Chi—the rushee, the pledge, the new initiate, the junior about to be elected to the executive board, the senior completing his degree, the new alumnus looking for a job, the married with two kids and no-free-time workaholic alumnus, the retired alumnus, those at the twilight of life, and those waiting for others to reunite in the Chapter Eternal. The Charter Member. The Rechartering Member. Those who attend reunions. Those who plan the reunions. Those who are lost along the way. Those who are too busy. Those who think they are too busy. Those who advise. Those who are disconnected. Those who desire to reconnect before it is too late.

The great thing about our lifelong brotherhood is that it is never too late. The friendships established by the Resolute Men of Theta Chi last forever. Whether a pledge brother, Big Brother, Little Brother, someone who came before you, someone who came after you, someone you met at a Theta Chi event, some “national” guy who visited your chapter, or that arbitrary reunion you attended, we remain brothers for life. While we’ll all reunite in the Chapter Eternal, don’t let the opportunities in the here and now pass you by. Make that call. Send that text message. Write that letter. (Re)Make that connection. It’s never too late.

I appreciate the opportunity from Executive Director Mike Mayer to return as Editor of *The Rattle* and I hope that our content communicates important Fraternity news, informs you about the influence and the accomplishments of our great brotherhood, and motivates you to engage either at the national level, the local chapter, or just to reconnect with those you were closest with during your college days.

I’d also like to thank the previous Editor, Kris Taibl, for his time spent not only on *The Rattle*, but for his tireless work in promoting Theta Chi’s new brand identity. His efforts have given Theta Chi a new polished and timeless look.

We look timeless. We are timeless. It’s never too late.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Ben Hill
Ben Hill

We remain brothers for life: (left to right) In June 2017, Editor Hill was able to reconnect with two Eta Kappa/James Madison brothers: his Little Brother Drew Henderson (2005) and Adam Gleason (2002) at Drew’s wedding in Williamsburg, VA.



BY MIKE MAYER,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On May 12, 2017, five cadets were initiated as alumnus members of Theta Chi Fraternity on the eve of their graduation from Norwich University. **Mickenzie Walbridge, Jonathan Brewer, Power Donnelly, Glenn Punzalan, and Brian Serafin** were entered into the roll as alumni of Alpha Chapter upon the completion of their initiation ceremony on the Norwich campus that evening.

The ceremony was presided over by International Counselor Darick Brown and assisted by Executive Director Michael Mayer, Director of Volunteer Development Zack Brown, and collegiate and alumnus members of Epsilon/WPI and Zeta/New Hampshire. 1969 Norwich alumnus Dan Fleetham, Jr. (Theta Chi/GC Honorary 2006) was a special featured guest at the ceremony, representing his father, Dan Fleetham, Sr. (Alpha/Norwich 1934), who entered the Chapter Eternal in 2016.

This news no doubt comes as a pleasant surprise to all Theta Chis. It also probably brings up many questions as to the status of Theta Chi Fraternity and Alpha Chapter.

Nearly 60 years have passed since Theta Chi has maintained an active chapter at Norwich University. The university’s policy prohibiting student participation in fraternities remains in place today and is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

Since the implementation of this policy, the Fraternity has relied on Alpha Chapter alumni to ensure that the spirit of Theta Chi continues at Norwich. Unfortunately, as time passes, our Alpha Chapter alumni ranks become smaller and smaller. Recognizing the importance of preserving Theta Chi Fraternity’s legacy



Theta Chi Initiates Five Norwich University Graduates



The Inaugural Alpha Commission and Theta Chi alumni: Executive Director Mike Mayer, 1969 Norwich University alumnus Dan Fleetham, Jr. (Theta Chi/GC Honorary 2006), Mickenzie Walbridge, Jonathan Brewer, Power Donnelly, Glenn Punzalan, Brian Serafin, Director of Volunteer Development Zack Brown, and International Counselor Darick Brown. Until the Alpha Commission, Fleetham, Jr.'s had been the most recent initiation conducted on the Norwich campus—during the 150th Anniversary Convention in 2006.

at Norwich, the Grand Chapter has dedicated considerable effort in recent years to ensuring that the spirit of Alpha Chapter will never die.

In 2015, a group of Norwich cadets petitioned the University Board of Trustees to allow fraternities to return to campus. In close collaboration with Theta Chi Fraternity International Headquarters, those involved in the petitioning process dedicated many hours to develop a very thoughtful proposal. Unfortunately, the petition was turned down by the Board of Trustees. While this was disappointing news to receive, the men involved in the effort maintained their interest in Theta Chi.

Since 2015, the International Fraternity maintained contact with the petitioning cadets. The Fraternity has sought a suitable means to recognize those young men who admirably worked to re-establish the fraternity system at Norwich.

On May 12, 2017, Theta Chi was not only able to recognize those five graduating cadets who dedicated much energy to the attempt to re-establish fraternities on campus, but also made important steps towards preserving the legacy of Alpha Chapter.

Our five new Alpha alumni were initiated under a special provision enacted by the Grand Chapter earlier this spring known as the "Alpha Commission." The Alpha Commission allows for alumni and soon-to-be alumni to be initiated into the rolls of Alpha Chapter. To be very clear, this structure does not provide for the operation of an active chapter on Norwich University's campus. It is a means to formally initiate men who have been approved for graduation by Norwich University. As such, the Alpha Chapter remains on inactive status and there are no current plans to provide for a collegiate Theta Chi experience at Norwich.

The five men initiated on May 12 were selected following a nomination process and upon careful examination by the Grand Chapter and International Headquarters staff. The Alpha Commission structure will make it possible for the Fraternity to conduct future alumnus initiations into the rolls of Alpha Chapter.

While the Fraternity had hoped to provide notice of the ceremony, the necessary approval and details of the ceremony were finalized just days before the initiation. Theta Chi anticipates being able to provide such notice of initiations in the future, now that a framework for the Alpha Commission has been better developed.

We congratulate our newest alumnus brothers of Alpha and express our gratitude to them for keeping the legacy of Theta Chi at Norwich alive! ■



Expansion Updates



Alpha Lambda/Ohio State

(Re)installations



Alpha Lambda/Ohio State
Columbus, OH
Reinstalled: April 8, 2017



Beta Zeta/Michigan State
East Lansing, MI
Reinstalled: April 30, 2017



Epsilon Mu/Eastern Michigan
Ypsilanti, MI
Reinstalled: March 25, 2017



Kappa Epsilon/SUNY Oswego
Oswego, NY
Installed: April 1, 2017

Redevelopments



Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri



Beta Zeta/Michigan State badges



Kappa Epsilon/SUNY Oswego

Current Colonies



Epsilon Delta/
Youngstown State



Theta Psi/
Wisconsin-Oshkosh



University of Arkansas



Salisbury, MD

New Colonies



Epsilon Rho/Rider
Lawrenceville, NJ
Recolonized: March 5, 2017



Zeta Omicron/Shippensburg
Shippensburg, PA
Recolonized: February 4, 2017



Theta Delta/Santa Clara
Santa Clara, CA
Recolonized: April 9, 2017



CSU-San Marcos
San Marcos, CA
Colonized: February 4, 2017



Point Loma Nazarene University
San Diego, CA
Colonized: March 26, 2017



United States Military Academy
West Point, NY
Colonized: March 25, 2017

Please contact the Director of Recruitment & Expansion Taylor Dahlem at tdahlem@thetachi.org if you are interested in becoming involved with these groups in any way.

Colony Established at West Point

On March 25, 2017, the Interest Group of the United States Military Academy at West Point was officially colonized with 14 members. Cadet Zain Shaikh, the Interest Group President, first had the idea of bringing Theta Chi to West Point in October of 2015. Among his reasons for choosing Theta Chi was its long history and continued dedication to America's armed forces. Zain said that the alignment of Theta Chi's values with the Army's values make it the perfect fit. However, the road to colonization was long and difficult. Greek life is not a big part of life at the Academy. The group had to build the foundations of a new colony with no alumni in the area and no help from their school. On top of taking an average of about six classes a semester, West Point cadets are required to maintain physical fitness standards and conduct military training regularly. Finding cadets that could take hours out of their already rigorous schedules to support the Fraternity presented the biggest obstacle for the interest group. Unfortunately, they found their inspiration in tragedy. On June 2, 2016, Cadet Mitchell Winey, with whom Zain originally pitched the idea of starting an interest group, was killed in a training accident in Fort Hood, Texas. Mitch was conducting Cadet Troop Leader Training as part of the Academy's Cadet Summer Training program when he passed away. Zain said that he could not let Mitch's passing be a setback. Instead, the group found their inspiration in carrying on his legacy and his dream of bringing Theta Chi to West Point. At the Colonization Ceremony, Zain was sure that Mitch was "smiling down at us."



Fall 2017 Expansion Projects



Beta Upsilon/
Fresno State
Fresno, CA



Gamma Mu/
Bowling Green
Bowling Green, OH



Gamma Pi/
Buffalo
Buffalo, NY



Zeta Alpha/
Slippery Rock
Slippery Rock, PA



Eta Alpha/
Clemson
Clemson, SC



SUNY Geneseo
Geneseo, NY



FRATERNITY, FOOTBALL, AND FOXBORO

BY BEN HILL, EDITOR

Last February, Matt Patricia (Delta/RPI 1996) won a third Super Bowl with the New England Patriots.

Patricia played football as an undergraduate and later coached as a graduate assistant at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Following RPI, he worked two years as an engineer and in sales. Patricia turned down a lucrative offer from an engineering firm to pursue his dream of coaching: he accepted a defensive line coach position at Amherst College that paid less than a tenth of what the engineering firm was offering. He then moved to Syracuse University as an offensive graduate assistant. After three seasons and circulating his resume, he was hired by the New England Patriots in an entry level position in 2004. Through his hard work ethic and passion for the sport, Patricia was promoted several times over the past 13+ years: From Offensive Assistant to Assistant Offensive Line Coach to Linebackers Coach, Safeties Coach, and officially as Defensive Coordinator in 2012. Following the overtime victory in Super Bowl LI, we were able to catch up with Brother Patricia.

THE RATTLE: Tell us why you decided to go to RPI?

MATT P.: Coming out of high school, I was very interested in planes; I loved flying. I just wanted to be a pilot. Initially I was looking at going to the academies. I was very interested in the military and as I got into my high school career playing football, I was recruited by some lower level colleges. It got to the point where I really still wanted to play football and I

was trying to figure out what I wanted to do and I knew I wasn't going to be able to play at West Point or the Naval Academy.

The RPI coaching staff came to recruit me in football and I had known about RPI my entire life. My uncle, Jim Herman, is a '67 RPI graduate, so I knew about the quality of school that it was, I knew how great the opportunities were coming out of RPI for careers and to advance yourself, and what a great opportunity it would be to go there. The advice I was given from

guidance counselors, teachers, and friends, was, 'You really should go for your engineering degree or aviation, and all of it would fit together for you and then you'd be able to play football.'

I took a visit, and one of the very unique things about RPI is that when I went to visit and during the time that I was there [in the chapter], was that the majority of the Theta Chi brothers that lived in the house were football players and were on the football team. One of the great things when you go on a recruiting trip is that you stay overnight and get a chance to see the campus. I actually wound up staying in the Theta Chi house with the starting quarterback of the team who was a Theta Chi brother. There were probably eight of us on that trip and we were all from the same area in central New York and we just really loved the school, we loved football, and we loved the house. You could tell there was something special there. There was something special about the brothers that were there, something special about what they had and it was very welcoming, very much what you wanted to be a part of. It was family.

So I committed to RPI. It was a pretty natural transition from going in and being a freshman football player and then going through fraternity rush in the fall. I could really identify with the guys who lived in that house and knowing that those were people that I was closest to and was going to be the closest to. It was exactly what I thought it was going to be from my recruiting visit. *(continued)*



MATTHEW PATRICIA
DELTA/RPI COMPOSITE
CIRCA 1995

Matt Patricia calls in a defensive play. Photo courtesy of the New England Patriots/Jim Mahoney.



R: Can you tell us some of your favorite memories from your time in the chapter?

MP: There are so many, I don't even know where to start. I think that the wonderful thing about what we had in Theta Chi is that we had a tremendous brotherhood. We were very, very close. Like I said, a majority of the guys were involved with sports or football and obviously the engineering curriculum that we all had to go through puts that bond a little bit tighter. The great thing about the house would be: whether you're grinding through the football season or studying academics or you come home one night and it's like, 'Hi—does anybody want to do anything?' And then there are 15 guys saying, 'Yeah, let's go do something!' It was just kind of instant.

[Even now] at any given moment, there could be a 30-person, 40-person email or text message chain; we all are still really close and keep in contact. A bunch of brothers were at the [Super Bowl]. They just sent me a great picture of us together at the post-party. So I think the fraternity house, in general, was family. We have great history and a great tradition there which was awesome. I was Vice President my senior year so I was very involved.

I'd say the one thing we took a lot of pride in was that we ran our own house. We cooked all of our own meals, we cleaned, and you had to grow up and learn how to be responsible and to take care of everybody.

I think one of the coolest things that we did, which for me being Italian, was normal: We all ate dinner together. We all sat down together, we were all served at the same time. You worked together and to me, that was great.

I talk to a lot of people that were in fraternities and if you ask somebody about Theta Chi, they'll speak about it as, it's either 'the house' or our 'Fraternity.' What always strikes me, and I notice it probably now more than I did when I was younger, is that when guys use the term frat like, 'I was in a frat.' I'm like, 'OK, you obviously weren't in Theta Chi. It's a fraternity.' It's just something that's a little bit different that you notice, but it's really true.

R: Did you have the opportunity to live in the house?

MP: Yeah, I lived in the house for four years, and living with 63 of your closest brothers who are with you night and day was a pretty cool opportunity. I would say

90% of our guys lived in the house, so for us, everyone was right there.

R: What was your favorite meal at the chapter house?

MP: When Carmine DiDomenico used to cook, (he's of my Italian brotherhood), we would have some pretty good meals there. Chris Manuel could make a mean chicken dish, too. I would say when we tried to deep fry a three pound meatball—I don't think that one came out so good. I would say one of the staples of our house is what we'd call pucks, which were chicken patties, so everyone will be able to relate to that.

R: What did you do to motivate others in the chapter while you were Vice President?

MP: We had a pretty motivated group. It was a lot of self-policing. We had some fairly large members that were walking around the house, so if you needed to get some stuff done, you just had to get the right people to kind of persuade everybody into getting it going. But, that was the great part about it, there just wasn't a lot of kick back. Everybody knew, 'Hey—we're all in it together, so let's go.' We want to have a clean house, we want to have great food, we want to have camaraderie, and we're with each other all the time, so it was just kind of built in.

R: Which members really pushed you or challenged you to become a better person?

MP: Brandon Grabowski (1994) and Sean Morgan (1993) were the two guys who hosted me when I initially went up on my recruiting visit, so obviously they were a big influence. Bill Schmitt (1994) was another guy who was a big influence. Jim Kennedy (1994), Mike Phinney (1994), Joe Catino (1994), Carmine DiDomenico (1995), Todd McCloy (1995), Chris Mastergeorge (1995), those guys were some older guys that I hung out with a lot. Very influential.

My freshman college roommate, Travis Krol (1996), he and I both joined the house and we lived together all four years, from the freshman dorms to the fraternity house and we were always together. Mike Mucci (1996) and Greg Dietrich (1996), (who was a Chapter President), were both in my class and we're still really close. We still talk all the time.

Chris Manuel (1995) was another Chapter President who stood out. Also, at our chapter because of the football connection, there were a lot of guys that I had actually played against. Brandon Grabowski was quarterback for one of my rivals, Travis Krol was a rival whom I had to play. He was a noseguard and I was the center in highschool. Tony Klinowski (1996) would be another guy that has always been a great and influential friend.

Ray Moran (1990) is an older alumnus that came back and he actually wound up living with us, coming back to school and playing football with us. I'm still really close with Ray.

It's unusual to be 20 years removed and still know I could make one text message right now if I really needed something and probably have 200+ guys that would be there in a heartbeat and I would do the same thing if the text message came through from them, and I think that's pretty amazing 20 years later.

R: When is the last time you had the opportunity to go back to the chapter house?

MP: I know I went back and talked to the football team after we won the Super Bowl in '04. Then I went back on campus and went in the house a couple times over that summer. I'm from central New York, out by Syracuse/Utica area and obviously now I'm in Boston, so when I'd drive through, occasionally I'd just stop in during the summer. There have been maybe one or two people there. There are alumni week-ends during the fall, but it's not really an opportunity for me to go back.

We have a football team golf tournament in the spring that I went to about three years ago and that's always a real good time. For us, a football reunion is basically a Theta Chi Reunion. It's been a while, but I'm hoping to get back there soon.

R: What do you love most about your job?

MP: I have some pretty big highs in this profession and being able to share these experiences later on in life: the Super Bowls, the championships, the being in the NFL, coaching for a team that 50% of my chapter brothers support, being able to share that with my family—my wife, my kids, my parents. Being able to share the experience with my Fraternity brothers and my friends who have been involved and have come and supported me, even to the point that guys

will call me to say, 'Hey I live in this city now and I'm going to come to the game. I'm going to see you'—It's very, very special. It's why I do it. It's one of the reasons I love coaching, being able to share in that experience.

R: Tell us one of your proudest moments as a coach?

MP: A very definitive moment was in my fifth year of school: I had finished four years of playing and I was a grad student and I was volunteering as a coach for RPI football. I was coaching the offensive line with Ray Moran from the chapter. Jim Schertzer (1998), was our right guard, playing the position that I had just graduated from. He was a younger guy who was trying to take over the starting role. He was a good young player.

So we're playing the Coast Guard Academy and the ball's on the two yard line and we're running a particular run play. We had spent a lot of time on [the play]: we went through it, we had studied it, we practiced it. I remember Jimmy making the block. It was a huge block—we score, we win. Up until this point, I'd say that when you're a football player and you stop playing football, you (at least until you can really turn the page) spend a majority of your time saying, 'God, I can do that,' or, 'why aren't I still out there,' or, 'I wish I was still playing,' because of the draw of the game.

But at that particular moment, the switch flipped and I saw the joy on his face. This is one of my Fraternity brothers, he's playing football, he's younger than me—one of the guys pledging under me. I saw the joy that he had and the accomplishment that he had and I got more pleasure, I had more pride in watching him achieve something that he had worked so hard at, that it was a big turning point for me. It was really the point where—they call it the coaching bug—you're sitting there saying, 'All right, I've got to really think about what I want to do here.'

R: What occupies your time in the offseason? Are you allowed to take a few days off after the big game?

MP: If you win the 19th one, you're lucky and you get about 10 days off. The season is so demanding. My time is so limited that I'm pushing 20-hour work days, seven days a week. And where I fail probably the most, is at being a dad. So once the season is over, as soon as I can get that family time, we're going to get away. I'm going to try to be a



Patricia reviews the defensive strategy. Courtesy of the New England Patriots/David Silverman

dad. I've got three beautiful kids, I have an amazing wife and I'm trying to get caught up as much as I can.

Unfortunately the off-season is very busy for us. As soon as the season is over, if you're fortunate enough to play into the post-season, you're usually going to be behind. So now you really wind up in a situation where the combine is coming up, the draft coming up, free agency is coming up, there's just so much that we have to do as coaches at that point that you're scrambling to get caught up. We're in meetings all day. Our players come back in April, and then we're rolling right back into it again, so, there's really not a lot of down time.

R: What's one thing you'd want NFL fans to understand about the game from your perspective on the sidelines?

MP: I think they get a lot more information nowadays, so I would say that I think the fans are very educated and they really pay attention to a lot of what's going on. I think the part for me that I would say, that I don't want to put into a sob story, but it's the sacrifice that everybody makes. There are a lot of moving parts that go into this, probably a lot more than what people realize. I think the NFL is amazing, I think it's an unbelievable organization to be a part of. I think the fans are amazing. They are so dedicated to the sport and I think they appreciate it, but I think the sacrifice that

our families have to make—that's the part that is behind the scenes that no one really understands.

R: What would you tell younger people trying to get in the league as a player or coach?

MP: This is a very competitive business. It is a very difficult business and you have to really be passionate about what you're doing. You have to really be committed. You're not doing this for money or glory or any of that stuff. You're doing it because you know there is something deep inside that's telling you, 'you have to do this because you need it.' You love it that much. You need it to survive.

I don't care what it is in life, but if you can find something you're that passionate about, that you're that willing to sacrifice everything you have, I think in the end, you're going to be rewarded.

We have a saying that 'CEOs don't sit in rush hour traffic.' It's just not how it works. If you understand hey, if I've got to get up at 4 o'clock in the morning every single day, if I've got to work until the work is done, then that's what it is. If those are the hours, those are the hours. It's not about the hours, it's not about the money. Being passionate and loving what you do is what's going to drive you every single day.

The other thing people have to be ready for is how to work hard. It's something



that I attribute to RPI, to Theta Chi, what I learned in college: I learned how to work hard, I learned how to take responsibility, I learned how to be accountable.

R: After a tough loss, what gets you going again?

MP: I'm a very competitive person so the thing that drives me the most is my fear of not having the guys that play for me prepared well enough and that drive to work harder than everybody else. I have a firm belief that I'm going to outwork everybody. It doesn't matter to me, I'll outwork you. When you have that competitiveness and you get to those games and you lose, I'm going to start on myself, 'What do I have to do better, what do I have to do different, what am I going to try and improve on.' I just want to get back to work, and want to get going again.

R: How quickly does the glow end after the Super Bowl and the hunger begins for the next one?

MP: Sometimes it comes off a little bit faster than others. I'm trying to enjoy this as much as I can right now. These are hard.

R: In your limited time, do you have the opportunity to follow other sports, media, or books that you like to pick up?

MP: I definitely try to do whatever I can to stay as balanced as I can. Sports-wise, NASCAR has been a big part of my life. I have some great friends in NASCAR and the interesting thing about NASCAR, is that the closer you get to it and meet the people that actually work in it, you start to actually explore some of the engineering and working fluid systems behind it and for me as an aeronautical engineer, there's some pretty cool stuff there.

I think what's great in [Boston] is that sports are amazingly connected, whether it's the Bruins, the Red Sox, the Celtics—this town is so sports oriented. You're just cheering for everybody in the area. You're really hoping for everybody to have great success.

I do try to read, actually. I try to read both for enjoyment and knowledge, trying to be a better leader, trying to be a better teacher, trying to be a better coach or mentor in general.

I'm very involved with supporting the military. I have a lot of friends who are in the military and some Theta Chi brothers: Jason Mendez (1997) and Shane Dover

Photo courtesy of Matt Patricia



Delta/RPI brothers celebrate after Super Bowl LI: (l-r) Glenn Arnold (1997), Mike Mucci (1996), Matt Patricia (1996), Mark Barnes (1996), and Eric Flynn (1996).

(1996). I try to support their careers and follow them, so I'm very interested in military books.

R: Last time you were at Dinosaur BBQ?

MP: Love Dinosaur BBQ! Unfortunately, it was probably the last time I was in Syracuse, which has been a long time. We used to go to that place all the time. Here's a good Dinosaur BBQ story for you: So they opened one in Rochester. So in 2010, we got stuck in a snowstorm in Buffalo when they closed the Buffalo airport and our charter plane couldn't land to pick us up after the game. So we drove to Rochester to try to get to the Rochester airport before it closed it to get to our charter and fly out of there.

So we get to Rochester and that airport is closed. Matt Light who was one of our tackles, is looking at me, and I just say, 'Dinosaur BBQ,' and he just smiles and I know what he wants to do. So he called Dinosaur BBQ in Rochester, and our hotel wound up like being two blocks away.

So now, here you are, you're a Rochester native, you're sitting in the Dinosaur BBQ, you're probably a Bills fan, probably just watched the Bills lose to the Patriots, and in walks 45 guys—the New England Patriots, like the whole team—Tom Brady, Matt Light, everybody just rolled into Dinosaur BBQ for the night. Classic.

R: What was your favorite NFL team growing up?

MP: I was actually a 49ers fan growing up, a little random. So back in the day, they

used to have Champion outlets, stores where they had all the Champion gear and at the time, Champion used to make the jerseys. So we had a Champion outlet, and my parents were both teachers, so everything was a little bit tight. So they said, 'All right, you can get one thing off this \$5 rack.' You'd probably get something that was misprinted, but whatever. I found the one jersey that was in there, it was a real NFL Champion jersey: it was a Freddie Solomon #88 wide receiver jersey for the San Francisco 49ers, and that was it, I was a Niners fan. That was like, 1980, probably, and fortunately, they got really good after that.

R: Are you able to be a football fan during the season or is it just strictly business at this point?

MP: For me it's all about what we're trying to do. I think in general, my outlook on football right now is a little bit different. When you're in the sport, I think you tend to hope the best for your friends wherever they are. And you understand that they have kids, they need to eat, they don't want to move their family again. There's just so much more to it that is behind the scenes. Sometimes [people say], 'Fire the coach,' well, alright fire the coach, but he's got four kids, and then the four kids have got to move schools again. It's a really hard life, everybody behind it.

So you fire the head coach—that guy's [going to be alright]—but you also have 10 assistants who [may not be alright]. They don't make that money, or they don't have that situation and now their families are

affected so I think when you get into that situation you're really more of a fan of your friends; you want your friends to be OK. Now if you have to play them head-to-head, then you have to beat 'em.

R: How would you describe your leadership style?

MP: My whole approach is trying to get everybody to understand that I'm trying to do everything I can to make sure that you can do whatever it is that you do at the highest level, at the highest ability. I'm firm when I have to be firm. I'm loose when I have to be loose, but I would say I demand a lot. I put a lot of pressure on myself. You have to walk that walk in order to talk the talk, so I think the demand that I put on myself and then I carry over and put on to the guys around me is fair.

R: Thinking back to the Super Bowl, can you give us from your perspective, an example of true leadership that you saw during that game, whether it was on the field or on the sidelines?

MP: Our leadership is defined by the fact that everybody is a leader. Everybody is. If you're doing what you're supposed to be doing—If you're doing your job, then you're leading. We talk a lot about being great in whatever it is you do. Leadership doesn't always need to come from the "captain" or "best player." Leadership is multiple levels.

I would say one of the things that stuck out to me just in general in the Super Bowl that I thought was great and I really had a moment to capture it was: at the end of our halftime, when we were getting ready to go back out. We had made our adjustments and were getting ready to go and one of our safeties, Duron Harmon, just had this kind of confidence that he started to spread to everybody: 'Everything is good. We're exactly where we want to be. We're going to do this. We're going to take it. We're going to do exactly what we just talked about and this is going to turn out the way we want it to turn out.'

It was really pretty cool to see that energy starting to build before we left the locker room and then transfer out onto the field and into what those guys did for that game. At that point, your leadership is coming. It's coming from everybody doing everything they can, and from doing what you're supposed to do or doing your job, and leading in your job so that it all works together.

R: What are the building blocks of a great football team?

MP: I would say for us, and what I believe in, and what we do, and even going back to when I was at Syracuse University, going back to RPI: there's no replacement for hard work. Being tough, being smart, being dedicated—but working hard is really what you've got to have. There are no short cuts.

R: What are the building blocks of a great fraternity?

MP: This is going to parallel, and I've got to add one more thing, and that other part is trust. There's a lot of trust in team sports and football in particular. I think all of that carries over into the fraternity house. I think guys who are in the right direction and have the same vision, and are working hard toward that—who have trust in each other—to be there for each other, or work for each other, or sacrifice for each other, I think it's all part of the same.

R: What is your definition of a Resolute Man?

MP: ...The Resolute Man, in what we had, in what I carried over to my life now, it's being hard-working, being passionate, determined; the person who is going to push to succeed no matter what the circumstances are and is just focused. Resolute is what you want to be, but I also think there's a part of that which is also part of our brotherhood, and that's the passionate/compassionate part of it, that is what is really special for us.

R: If someone asked you, "do you still believe in Theta Chi," what would your answer be?

MP: I would say absolutely. I still believe in everything that that we believed in, that we had, the culture that we had there, and what we built up off of Theta Chi and what we had through Delta Chapter. I don't think there is a person who went through that or who was there at that time who would ever say anything other than that. It was a really special place and the people and the bond we had through our Theta Chi brotherhood are still very important and very near and dear to me 20 years later, so I would say absolutely.

R: If you could speak with yourself back in time when you were

entering RPI, what advice would you give yourself?

MP: That's a hard question. I wish I had written down more things... just to remember all the things that we talk about nowadays. I don't stay in touch with people like I wish I could just because I am a little bit too busy, unfortunately. But I think going through RPI was obviously a great decision for me. Theta Chi was a great decision for me. RPI football was a great decision for me and the people who are my friends whom I met and everything I went through in school [were all blessings] and I think it's all part of what helped me be where I'm at.

R: Are there any messages you'd like to share with your brothers in Theta Chi?

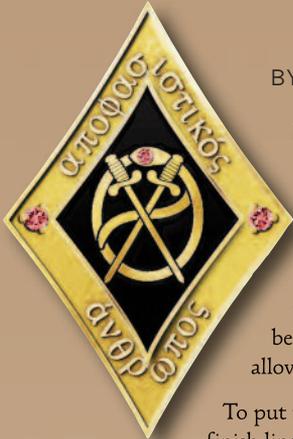
MP: Whatever your dreams are, whatever it is you want to do in life, if you're passionate about it, and it's something that is so deep, so strong inside you that it is what you want to accomplish, then I think you've got to go for it. I think you've got to do it. I think if there's anybody you're going to bet on in life, you better bet on yourself, because you're the only person you can really put in that situation to either succeed or fail. Follow your dreams—I'm living proof: you can make huge career changes, huge decisions, and follow them and work toward them and achieve them.

For the guys who are collegians or young members of Theta Chi, just appreciate how special it is and really make sure you take note and take point of what's going on now, because you're going to miss it a lot. And you're going to be really appreciative of those guys that are around you. You have some amazing relationships and friendships that are really just starting. Keep cultivating those. They're not over when you leave school, they continue on forever.

I would say to the guys that are probably my age or around my time and have been out for a little bit is just how much I appreciate and thank them for their continual support, the support we had and we gave each other while we were in school, and just continuing to make such great efforts to be in each other's lives. Those are my brothers and like I said, I was in a fraternity. I wasn't in a frat. I lived with my fraternity brothers and it's something that's really special and near and dear to me. ■



Theta Chi's Next Great Movement: THE RESOLUTE



BY TYLER MOGUS (IOTA TAU/NORTHERN KENTUCKY 2017)

My first introduction to the Resolute Man initiative occurred in the form of a message from our Chapter President asking for volunteers to run through a new ceremony the Grand Chapter had been constructing. Then-International Chaplain Darick Brown had selected Iota Tau Chapter to test the ceremony and wanted our feedback on the new program. He explained that, much like the Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouts of America, the Resolute Man is meant to be a distinguishing honor for those brothers who aren't willing to settle on being the ordinary Theta Chi member. I was lucky enough to have this preview before it was unveiled months later at the 160th Anniversary Convention in Atlanta and that time allowed me to reflect on how this initiative can influence future brothers and their drive for success.

To put things into perspective, I earned the Eagle Scout rank back in 2013 after being dragged across the finish line by my parents. I was so focused on enjoying school and my friends before leaving for college that they had to heckle me until I followed through with the achievement. I can't thank them enough because it's an honor I can claim for the rest of my life. When others read it on my resume or hear me mention in person that I am an Eagle Scout, it commands immediate respect. It was because I took a commendable title like Eagle Scout for granted that I became so adamant about completing The Resolute Man.



International Fraternity representatives congratulate Theta Chi's inaugural Resolute Man. (L-R) Director of Education Anthony Dominguez, Tyler Mogus, International Counselor Darick Brown, and Executive Director Mike Mayer.

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I began the application in a peculiar scenario. What normally should take at least four years to complete, I needed to complete in just one because I would graduate in May. The first two sections asked that I prove that I officially pledged the Fraternity and completed the areas already required to become an initiated member. Simple, right? Just becoming a Theta Chi member knocked out around a quarter of the work I had to do. The third area asked that I take advantage of the leadership events and conferences sponsored by Theta Chi, and show proof that I had utilized the skills I had learned to strengthen my chapter or alma mater. The best advice I can give to new, or even alumnus members, is to get involved. Just take part in your chapter's activities and offer an Assisting Hand wherever it's needed. I was fortunate enough to have a chapter who believed and invested in me by sending me to events like Recruitment Boot Camp and Initiative Academy. They saw the benefits of these events because I offered my ideas and myself because I loved the Fraternity. I went on to hold office as Vice President and later as Chapter President.

As they say, "you get out what you put in."



Iota Tau brothers receive the Alter Award at the 160th Anniversary Convention.

Section four expected me to achieve a GPA above the all-men's average on my campus, which goes to show not only did I need to be an active student, but also one who kept on top of my education. Section four also placed a high importance on understanding my university's history. I enjoyed this area because we sometimes forget that our chapter is forever linked to our school and gives true purpose to our maxim, Alma Mater First and Theta Chi for Alma Mater.

Section five asked that I sit in on a fraternity recruitment education seminar, attend a session on etiquette, and take a course in public speaking. It also required me to utilize these skills by either organizing an event, or speaking to an organization on a topic of personal importance. I spoke on the topic of the Resolute Man initiative to my chapter because I knew they weren't fully aware of its benefits. You'll realize a theme here that each requirement not only required an educational session, or form of training, but also needed me to apply what I had learned in a practical way.

Section six covered a few topics many of us collegians forget can be important in the real world. Seminars on how to dress, interview, manage finances, and write resumes are all required, as well as a few actions that prove you gained knowledge from these seminars. My university, and I'm sure many others, offer seminars like this free to students. What I found interesting about these requirements was that none of these tasks were really "out of the way" for me to accomplish. They were all resources I knew I probably should have utilized earlier in my college career, but hadn't found the motivation to seek out. Attending a career fair or participating in a mock interview are requirements that fall under these resources. I came to the realization that this was a program created so collegiate students would make the most of their college experience, prepare themselves for the future, and be recognized for it at the same time.

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Tyler Mogus (right) with his Resolute Man mentor, Patrick Reagan (Iota Tau/Northern Kentucky 2016).

Section seven required that I attend educational sessions that follow the Sacred Purpose movement most chapters have already been executing for the last few years, so completing this task wasn't difficult. A few examples of these sessions cover the topics of hazing, drug and alcohol abuse, and sexual assault: all topics that are relevant issues in today's college society. This section also brings attention to your lifelong involvement in Theta Chi. Requirements such as attending a chapter advisory board meeting or visiting IHQ, another chapter, or a Theta Chi landmark instill in members that Theta Chi is larger than all of us.

To complete the last area of requirements in the application, I needed a letter of recommendation from my previously chosen mentor, a letter of support from my Chapter President, and two written statements on how I planned to stay involved with Theta Chi and my alma mater in the coming years. In completion of the process, and in the candidate's final academic semester, the new Resolute Man takes part in a public ceremony that verifies the candidates promise to continue to live a life worthy of the title. He will also receive a diamond-shaped guard that attaches to his Theta Chi Badge.

For those who have graduated, an alumnus Resolute Man program has been created as well. This program follows two options: a service and support route. Both options ask you to be in good standing with your chapter, and possess a bachelor's degree from your university. The service option asks you to actively serve Theta Chi or your chapter for at least four years through a range of leadership positions. For those of you who are not able to give your time and talent, the support option asks you to give at least \$10,000 to the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi over your lifetime. Both are tall orders, but such an achievement should never be simple.

Many of my brothers were excited about the new initiative when it was originally made public, but they saw it as a benefit for those who would come after us. They didn't believe completing the application in the year or two we each had left was a possibility. I informed many of my brothers in the chapter and a few from my time at Initiative Academy that I was going to make the attempt. They were all excited for me, but I worked through the entire process on my own. There were weeks, even months, where I would lose interest. I would convince myself that I had better ways to spend my summer and senior year than to put all this work into a goal I had little chance of reaching. Occasionally, a brother would ask how the application was coming along, and I'd admit to them how hard it was to stay motivated when no one else was making the journey with me. They would remind me how historic this undertaking was and, much like with my Eagle Scout, how much I would regret it in the future if I didn't do everything I could to achieve it.

It wasn't only my Theta Chi brothers who helped me along the way. I met with one of our chapter advisers to discuss the requirement on how I could stay involved with Theta Chi once I graduate. I met with my university's director of fraternity and sorority life, herself an alumna of the school, to discuss involvement at NKU as well. Multiple campus faculty members and community leaders led the seminars and sessions I completed, and my chosen mentor for the initiative was a Theta Chi and NKU alumnus. I was alone in the challenge, but the number of friends and brothers who helped me meet these requirements was easily in the double digits. I felt like I was able to learn more about these people, and them about me. Completing the application was almost a networking event all its own. With the array of topics that need to be covered, it's easy for alumni to help just by making themselves available.

I believe the biggest take away from this experience had to be the thoughts I had to myself as I submitted my application. I was worried that because I completed it so quickly, it wasn't the best work I could have offered up. Worst case scenario, it wouldn't be accepted. As much as I dreaded that thought, I had to admit to myself that whether I received the title or not, the work I put into the process was something I could be proud of. It provided me with the chance to look back on the last three years and understand what I'd truly accomplished. I was a Charter Member of Iota Tau Chapter in 2013. I've attended Recruitment Bootcamp, Initiative Academy, three Mid-Year Leadership Conferences, the President's Conference, as well as the 160th Anniversary Convention. I've held office as Vice President and Chapter President because I showed my brothers how much they and this Fraternity meant to me.



The Iota Tau Chapter after its first intramural championship win in floor hockey.



ABOVE: Iota Tau brothers enjoy the annual ski trip to Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg, IN.
LEFT: One year after Theta Chi's first year on campus, Tyler Mogus and other Iota Tau members show off awards at NKU's 2014 Orientation Tailgate.

Theta Chi has provided such a wealth of knowledge and leadership experience that I'm not sure I'll ever be able to pay it back. The creation of an initiative like Resolute Man tells me one major thing about this organization. Those who came before me who now lead us on an international level truly care about the future of this Fraternity and its brotherhood. An initiative that challenges its collegiate members to place a focus on leadership, school involvement, and preparation for life after college is one of a kind. We now have a tangible measurement for what it means to have a fulfilling

college and Theta Chi experience. For all my brothers across North America—collegians and alumni alike—I want to challenge you to take advantage of this new initiative. As this program gains momentum, more brothers will take this journey together and motivate one another. Alumni will encourage and mentor our collegians and maybe even rekindle the spark that once energized them when they pledged their own chapters. In the words of Past International President Dick Elder, "It's a great time to be a Theta Chi," and I only see better days ahead. ■

Giving a gift to The Foundation Chapter once makes you a unique Theta Chi.

Just more than 16 percent of our living alumni have ever contributed financially to the Fraternity. Giving a gift every year for at least a decade puts you in a league of your own. These 183 brothers have made unrestricted gifts to the Excellence Fund every consecutive fiscal year since 2006/2007, some of whom have contributed annually for nearly a quarter century.

These men epitomize Theta Chi for Life. They are the brothers who truly believe in Theta Chi and show it by giving to our Foundation. Their generosity has sponsored academic scholarships for thousands of brothers and helped countless more attend leadership conferences at little to no cost.

These 183 brothers send a message to the nearly 150,000 brothers spread across states, countries, and continents: our commitment to the Fraternity is, and should be, endless. These men inspire our alumni, both present and future, to give back to the Fraternity that has given so much to all of us.

Charles H. Aims, Jr.
Beta Sigma/Lehigh 1954
21 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Keith F. Ashelin
Beta/MIT 1983
14 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Stephen A. Baker, Ph.D.
Delta Upsilon/Arizona State 1971
10 yrs. *Chase Council*

Frank T. Barretta
Alpha Xi/Delaware 1980
16 yrs. *Men's Since '56*

Francis C. Baum
Epsilon Eta/IUP 1960
18 yrs. *Century Club*

Alan G. Beavers
Alpha Mu/Iowa State 1969
11 yrs. *Men's Since '56*

Carlton F. Bennett
Zeta Pi/Old Dominion 1972
20 yrs. *Benefactor Club*

Ralph E. Bothe
Alpha Omega/Lafayette 1967
23 yrs. *Century Club*

Col. John F. Bouldry
Mu/California 1968
10 yrs. *Chase Council*

Stephen R. Brainard
Alpha Omega/Lafayette 1967
10 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Thomas K. Brichford
Beta Nu/Case Western 1955
19 yrs. *Men Since '56*

William J. Brook
Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech 1997
11 yrs. *Century Club*

Bruce W. Brown
Gamma Xi/San Jose State 1965
23 yrs. *Century Club*

James A. Brown
Gamma Mu/Bowling Green 1961
11 yrs. *Century Club*

John R. Bunde
Beta Kappa/Hamline 1971
11 yrs. *Century Club*

Archie D. Call
Delta Theta/Toledo 1963
11 yrs. *Men Since '56*

David M. Callahan
Delta Gamma/WV Wesleyan
1979
16 yrs. *Snake & Sword*

Peter C. Cappas
Beta Rho/Illinois Wesleyan 1986
12 yrs. *Chairman's Council*

Gary A. Carmichael
Beta Epsilon/Montana 1987
10 yrs. *Century Club*

W. Brent Chaney
Zeta Xi/UC-Davis 1968
10 yrs. *Century Club*

James D. Ciampa
Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State
1988
17 yrs. *Century Club*

C. Bernie Clark
Beta Chi/Allegheny 2001
15 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Stephen R. Cole
Epsilon Omicron/Waynesburg
1975
10 yrs. *Snake & Sword*

William H. Conner
Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH)
1964
11 yrs. *Century Club*

Richard R. Cook, Jr.
Beta Nu/Case Western 1958
21 yrs. *Century Club*

David E. Cowan
Delta Omicron/Gettysburg 1980
21 yrs. *Freeman Fellow*

Charles L. Cucullu, Jr.
Beta Sigma/Lehigh 1979
22 yrs. *Chase Council*

Frederick J. Cullen
Beta Chi/Allegheny 1980
11 yrs. *Century Club*

Matthew L. Dafforn
Delta Kappa/Ball State 1994
15 yrs. *Snake & Sword*

Joseph R. D'Amore, Jr.
Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg 1977
21 yrs. *Chairman's Council*

Alfred J. Darold
Delta Omicron/Gettysburg 1963
15 yrs. *Century Club*

J. Keith Davy
Alpha/Norwich 1952
10 yrs. *Century Club*

David E. DeVol
Gamma Theta/San Diego State
1959
21 yrs. *Chairman's Council*

Stuart R. Dexter
Eta/Rhode Island 1957
10 yrs. *Snake & Sword*

Cedric C. Dilsizian
Beta Nu/Case Western 1968
24 yrs. *Century Club*

Thomas F. Dohnal
Beta Nu/Case Western 1969
13 yrs. *Century Club*

Gene F. Dose
Delta Theta/Toledo 1959
13 yrs. *Chase Council*

Kevin J. Doyle
Alpha Omega/Lafayette 1997
10 yrs. *Snake & Sword*

Richard S. Doyon
Gamma/Maine 1979
20 yrs. *Chairman's Council*

John W. Driscoll
Theta/Massachusetts 1981
18 yrs. *Century Club*

Edward A. Eickhoff
Eta Phi/Oakland 1985
22 yrs. *Chairman's Council*

Anthony M. Engel
Theta Xi/VCU 1997
11 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Laurence P. Engel
Beta Sigma/Lehigh 1979
11 yrs. *Chase Council*

Col. Roy V. Fair (Ret.)
Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech 1956
16 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Daniel H. Fink
Alpha Psi/Maryland 2001
17 yrs. *Chase Council*

L. Kenneth Fister
Zeta Rho/Kentucky 1977
15 yrs. *Chase Council*

James R. Fresch
Beta Lambda/Akron 1977
14 yrs. *Snake & Sword*

Mark R. Gage
Delta Omicron/Gettysburg 1986
16 yrs. *Chase Council*

Ronald C. Gaughf
Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech 1966
24 yrs. *Century Club*

Lt. Cmdr. James E. Gentry, Jr.
Beta Nu/Case Western 1982
12 yrs. *Century Club*

Maj. Bernard R. Gervais
Gamma Zeta/Oklahoma State
1951
18 yrs. *Chase Council*

Harold R. Gibson

Delta Alpha/Linfield 1959
22 yrs. *Freeman Fellow*

James E. Goens

Pi/Dickinson 1967
11 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Joseph A. Gugliemino

Epsilon/WPI 1983
15 yrs. *Century Club*

Hal L. Guyer

Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan
1975
12 yrs. *Chase Council*

James W. Hamilton

Delta/RPI 1955
10 yrs. *Century Club*

Rodney A. Hammond

Tau/Florida 1965
10 yrs. *Chase Council*

Steven J. Hanna

Alpha Delta/Purdue 1960
10 yrs. *Century Club*

Elbert Hargesheimer, III

Lambda/Cornell 1966
10 yrs. *Century Club*

John R. Harrington

Alpha Omega/Lafayette 1969
24 yrs. *Century Club*

James J. Hauser

Epsilon Psi/NJIT 1977
11 yrs. *Century Club*

Bradley L. Heiges

Delta Tau/Kent State 1967
17 yrs. *Snake & Sword*

Harry J. Herrmann

Beta Delta/Rutgers 1980
24 yrs. *Century Club*

Raymond R. Hill

Alpha Kappa/West Virginia 1952
15 yrs. *Century Club*

Mark Hillis

Gamma Rho/Florida State 1964
13 yrs. *Chairman's Council*

Warren E. Hoffman, II

Alpha Iota/Indiana 1976
20 yrs. *Chairman's Council*

Sherman E. Hoganson

Beta Gamma/North Dakota 1940
21 yrs. *Century Club*

Wayne E. Holous

Epsilon Pi/Northern Illinois 1961
11 yrs. *Century Club*

J. Gary Hoopes

Tau/Florida 1961
10 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Dale F. Hughes

Delta Kappa/Ball State 1980
12 yrs. *Century Club*

Gregory A. Imboden

Alpha Iota/Indiana 1971
16 yrs. *Men Since '56*

John J. Jacobowitz

Beta Zeta/Michigan State 1964
12 yrs. *Century Club*

Peter J. Johns

Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech 1985
10 yrs. *Century Club*

Hamilton I. Jones

Gamma Upsilon/Bradley 1951
16 yrs. *Century Club*

John R. Jordan

Alpha Phi/Alabama 1958
10 yrs. *Chase Council*

Patrick J. Kilbane, Jr.

Zeta Beta/Adrian 2002
17 yrs. *Chase Council*

James C. Klepin

Epsilon Delta/Youngstown State
1970
11 yrs. *Snake & Sword*

Keith R. Knoblock

Delta Iota/Northwestern 1959
15 yrs. *Century Club*

John J. Koziol

Delta/RPI 1959
15 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Michael H. Kugel

Alpha Tau/Ohio 1966
10 yrs. *Century Club*

Leonard M. Kutzke

Delta Theta/Toledo 1956
10 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Coleman A. La Master

Alpha Iota/Indiana 1951
10 yrs. *Freeman Fellow*

Edward F. Leonard, Jr.

Beta Eta/Washington (MD) 1951
10 yrs. *Century Club*

Scott W. Lowe

Zeta/New Hampshire 1989
13 yrs. *Century Club*

Stephen J. Macri

Alpha Omega/Lafayette 1982
23 yrs. *Board of Visitors*

Michael J. Magin

Alpha Delta/Purdue 1989
13 yrs. *Snake & Sword*

William C. Major

Eta Lambda/Virginia Tech 1978
10 yrs. *Men Since '56*

William H. Mann, Jr.

Beta Sigma/Lehigh 1952
22 yrs. *Century Club*

Scott C. Mara

Delta Upsilon/Arizona State 1993
17 yrs. *Chase Council*

Thomas M. Marcuccilli

Beta Iota/Arizona 1969
18 yrs. *Chase Council*

David A. May

Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-
River Falls 1970
17 yrs. *Chairman's Council*

Dr. Donald L. Mays

Delta Kappa/Ball State 1962
10 yrs. *Men Since '56*

David A. McCormick

Zeta Lambda/Westminster 1967
21 yrs. *Chase Council*

Richard K. McCrea

Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech 1972
24 yrs. *Century Club*

David W. McDaniel

Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech 1988
10 yrs. *Century Club*

Donald R. McIlvain

Kappa/Pennsylvania 1952
23 yrs. *Century Club*

Robert M. McLaughlin

Beta Omicron/Cincinnati 1963
11 yrs. *Men Since '56*

James McQueen

Upsilon/NYU 1956
16 yrs. *Century Club*

Lawrence N. McVay, Jr.

Alpha Tau/Ohio 1957
11 yrs. *Century Club*

Lt. Col. Glenn J. Meigel

Delta Omicron/Gettysburg 1968
22 yrs. *Century Club*

Dr. Matthew B. Meyer

Iota Beta/Missouri State 2001
14 yrs. *Century Club*

Robert A. Meyer

Epsilon/WPI 1952
10 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Dale H. Meyers

Beta Chi/Allegheny 1971
10 yrs. *Century Club*

Scott W. Milliken, D.D.S.

Gamma Xi/San Jose State 1984
17 yrs. *Century Club*

Christopher J. Mocella

Beta Eta/Washington (MD) 2001
10 yrs. *Century Club*

LIFETIME GIVING LEVELS

(Level indicates lifetime giving total)

Benefactor Club

\$50,000–\$99,999

Board of Visitors

\$25,000–\$49,999

Chairman's Council

\$10,000–\$24,999

Freeman Fellow

\$5,000–\$9,999

Chase Council

\$2,500–\$4,999

Century Club

\$1,000–\$2,499

Men Since '56

\$500–\$999

Snake & Sword

\$250–\$499

Founders Club

\$100–\$249

Heritage Club

\$99 and below

Robert H. Moody, II

Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls
1974

10 yrs. *Freeman Fellow*

James V. Morabito

Beta Sigma/Lehigh 1985
10 yrs. *Chase Council*

William F. Mortensen

Gamma Lambda/Denver 1969
10 yrs. *Century Club*

James C. Mower

Zeta Xi/UC-Davis 1973
12 yrs. *Chase Council*

James J. Moylan

Gamma Lambda/Denver 1969
21 yrs. *Chairman's Council*

James L. Munson

Rho/Illinois 1954
24 yrs. *Chase Council*

Thomas R. Murray

Alpha Xi/Delaware 1959
11 yrs. *Century Club*

Mark S. Nemiroff, M.D.

Epsilon Sigma/Wagner 1970
24 yrs. *Men Since '56*

\$50,000 Scholarship in memory of “The Rev”

BY AL CALARCO (ETA PI/EAST STROUDSBURG 1978)

His nickname was “Rev,” and I met him while I was a Regional Counselor for Theta Chi. **Allen Manning** (Epsilon Iota/East Carolina 1990) was a Rechartering Member of our Epsilon Iota Chapter, and it was obvious to me he took his executive board position seriously. He was Epsilon Iota’s Chaplain and initiation was right around the corner. The challenge for Allen was that he suffered from dyslexia and there are some pretty challenging words in our Ritual. Allen not only wanted it to be good, he wanted the Ritual to be meaningful. I assisted Allen in memorizing the entire Ritual so his dyslexia did not impede his participation in the initiation.

He was kind and generous; both fun and funny, but could be serious when he needed to be. It was this combination that made him a perfect fit for the role of Chaplain. I was touched by the fact that he wanted to rehearse the Ritual with me. I also vividly remember him asking his parents if the chapter could use their vacation home for an initiation ceremony. I do know he indeed asked his parents for permission, because his mother, Mrs. Sara Jo Manning, repeated the story to me over lunch last summer.

“I remember when Henry (Allen’s father) and I encouraged Allen to go through rush. Neither one of us were familiar with Theta Chi as it was a new fraternity for ECU at the time. I was skeptical because it was a new fraternity, but that was one of the reasons Allen chose it. Allen felt like he could be on the ground floor of getting the chapter started,” shared Sara Jo.

After graduation, Allen worked for the Kanuga Conference Center in North Carolina and began the process of becoming an Episcopal Priest. In 1993, Allen moved to Austin, TX to join the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest. In 1995, during Allen’s third and final year of seminary, he passed away due to health complications.

“Over the course of Allen’s college years I was able to meet many of Allen’s brothers and we soon grew into each other’s extended family. One of the things that impressed me so much was how many brothers attended Allen’s service. That meant the world to me that they would take the time to come. Since Allen’s passing, his brothers have kept in touch and visited me over the years.”



Henry, Sara Jo, and Allen Manning on a family cruise.

Fast forward 21 years, Allen’s fellow Epsilon Iota brother, Chris Pfautz (Epsilon Iota/East Carolina 1989), contacted me stating he has been in contact with Mrs. Manning. Chris told me she was “interested in starting a Theta Chi scholarship in Allen’s memory.”

In the fall of 2016, Sara Jo, Theta Chi’s Chief Development Officer Philip Thornton, and I met for lunch in Raleigh, NC. We talked about my memories of Allen, how much I enjoyed visiting his chapter, and she also shared some wonderful stories that shed light on who he was as a person of faith and integrity. You see, it didn’t surprise her that he wanted to make the Ritual meaningful. His passion for Theta Chi’s Ritual inspired him to join the Episcopal Seminary. He believed it was his duty to make the Ritual as meaningful for others as it was for him.

“Chris Pfautz and his fellow ECU brothers have shown they will be Allen’s fraternity brothers forever. I think Allen can see this and is smiling down on us.”

Sara Jo is convinced that Theta Chi was a gift to her son, and now she wants to repay the gift to Theta Chi. Sara Jo made a planned gift with The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi, which will establish a \$50,000 scholarship fund in Allen’s memory to support brothers of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Michael J. Noble
Epsilon Psi/NJIT 1994
10 yrs. *Men Since '56*

T. Howard Noel
Xi/Virginia 1961
11 yrs. *Century Club*

Patrick T. O'Connor
Chi/Auburn 1978
11 yrs. *Board of Visitors*

John G. O'Neill
Gamma Xi/San Jose State 1959
11 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Howard D. Orebaugh
Gamma Omega/Vanderbilt 1961
16 yrs. *Chase Council*

Richard Otter
Mu/California 1955
17 yrs. *Chase Council*

Marcus W. Page
Gamma Sigma/Duke 1959
16 yrs. *Century Club*

Joshua J. Palleon, CFA
Theta Psi/Wisconsin-Oshkosh
1999
14 yrs. *Chairman's Council*

Bruce C. Paltenghi
Beta Upsilon/Fresno State 1973
11 yrs. *Century Club*

Donald A. Parry
Alpha Zeta/Rochester 1951
16 yrs. *Century Club*

Robert H. Peiffer
Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH) 1965
16 yrs. *Century Club*

Gordon L. Pendegraft
Alpha Epsilon/Stanford 1957
16 yrs. *Century Club*

Carl D. Peterson
Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1984
16 yrs. *Century Club*

Paul L. Poitras
Beta Alpha/UCLA 1978
21 yrs. *Chase Council*

Ronald J. Preston
Gamma Theta/San Diego State
1972
14 yrs. *Century Club*

Phillip E. Pulis, Jr.
Epsilon Omicron/Waynesburg
1982
12 yrs. *Century Club*

Dale A. Pulver
Beta Nu/Case Western 1983
11 yrs. *Freeman Fellow*

Ellsworth D. Purdy
Sigma/Oregon State 1950
10 yrs. *Freeman Fellow*

Martin D. Rabinowitz
Alpha Zeta/Rochester 1977
11 yrs. *Chase Council*

Capt. Donald H. Ramsden
Gamma Rho/Florida State 1959
11 yrs. *Freeman Fellow*

Dr. Robert P. Renner
Upsilon/NYU 1964
15 yrs. *Chase Council*

Thomas H. Richards, Jr.
Alpha Iota/Indiana 1950
10 yrs. *Century Club*

**Rev. Lt. Col. Terrance A.
Robinson, M.D.**
Zeta Beta/Adrian 1966
11 yrs. *Freeman Fellow*

Michael D. Roe
Alpha Upsilon/Nebraska 1986
23 yrs. *Board of Visitors*

Ronald E. Roll
Zeta Kappa/Ohio Northern 1967
11 yrs. *Chase Council*

Dr. Norman D. Ross
Delta Kappa/Ball State 1962
16 yrs. *Chase Council*

William R. Rude
Alpha Gamma/Michigan 1960
20 yrs. *Century Club*

Michael E. Rusak
Epsilon Psi/NJIT 1975
17 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Edwin M. Salkeld, Jr.
Beta Nu/Case Western 1957
22 yrs. *Chase Council*

George M. Sarkes, Jr.
Alpha Tau/Ohio 1960
10 yrs. *Century Club*

Alan K. Saunders
Gamma Xi/San Jose State 1969
10 yrs. *Chairman's Council*

Frederick D. Scheiber
Alpha Iota/Indiana 1977
14 yrs. *Century Club*

David L. Schiska
Delta Tau/Kent State 1959
13 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Robert E. Schmidt
Beta Upsilon/Fresno State 1949
21 yrs. *Men Since '56*

David J. Scotto
Eta Omega/Chico State 1989
16 yrs. *Century Club*

Robert W. Shaffer, Jr.
Epsilon Mu/Eastern Michigan
1971
10 yrs. *Century Club*

George L. Sherwood
Beta Epsilon/Montana 1970
10 yrs. *Snake & Sword*

Alan W. Shinn
Beta Omicron/Cincinnati 1972
10 yrs. *Century Club*

John B. Shradler
Gamma Tau/Drake 1981
16 yrs. *Century Club*

Ben Sims
Alpha Phi/Alabama 1969
11 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Bruce R. Smith
Delta Beta/Georgia 1975
24 yrs. *Century Club*

Calvin S. Smith
Epsilon Kappa/Idaho 1967
17 yrs. *Freeman Fellow*

George E. Smith, Jr.
Rho/Illinois 1960
19 yrs. *Century Club*

Gerald R. Smith
Gamma Upsilon/Bradley 1954
16 yrs. *Chase Council*

John J. Smith
Gamma Delta/Florida Southern
1953
23 yrs. *Century Club*

James G. Snider
Mu/California 1962
17 yrs. *Century Club*

Bruce N. Spring
Epsilon Rho/Rider 1964
14 yrs. *Men Since '56*

George R. Stowe
Epsilon Delta/Youngstown State
1959
12 yrs. *Century Club*

William H. Suter
Beta Delta/Rutgers 1943
18 yrs. *Board of Visitors*

Gary D. Swanson
Epsilon Delta/Youngstown State
1962
11 yrs. *Century Club*

T. Mark Sweeney
Delta Theta/Toledo 1965
12 yrs. *Snake & Sword*

James W. Talbert
Alpha Iota/Indiana 1963
23 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Thomas N. Thompson
Rho/Illinois 1998
16 yrs. *Chase Council*

Michael O. Thornburg
Alpha Iota/Indiana 1965
11 yrs. *Chase Council*

Horace B. Tomlin
Beta Rho/Illinois Wesleyan 1949
11 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Douglas E. Troutman
Beta Rho/Illinois Wesleyan 1977
10 yrs. *Chase Council*

Maynard H. Turnbull, Jr.
Beta Sigma/Lehigh 1950
12 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Francis S. Vasques
Alpha Chi/Syracuse 1953
20 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Christopher J. Vesey, M.D.
Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH) 1988
11 yrs. *Board of Visitors*

Robert K. Vierick, Jr.
Delta Omicron/Gettysburg 1976
10 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Thomas J. Vignola
Delta Omicron/Gettysburg 1979
23 yrs. *Century Club*

Allen C. Waddle, Jr.
Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH) 1982
10 yrs. *Century Club*

Walter D. Walker
Alpha Rho/Washington 1951
10 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Ricky D. Ward
Delta Pi/Indiana State 2000
11 yrs. *Century Club*

David M. Wilberger, Jr.
Eta Lambda/Virginia Tech 1973
19 yrs. *Chairman's Council*

James J. Wilhelm
Phi/North Dakota State 1962
10 yrs. *Century Club*

John M. Wilson, Jr.
Epsilon Beta/Lycoming 1967
11 yrs. *Century Club*

Charles C. Yohn
Zeta Omicron/Shippensburg 1969
10 yrs. *Men Since '56*

Dean P. Zibas
Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State
1983
11 yrs. *Men Since '56*

John L. Zozzaro
Epsilon Psi/NJIT 1964
22 yrs. *Chase Council*



Career Conversations Alumni Mentor Network

In 2016, Theta Chi Fraternity launched the Alumni Mentor Network, an online mentoring platform that connects members for one-on-one career conversations. The Network provides an easy way to give back and the ability to share your experience on your time table. The platform also protects the privacy of both parties as all communication is routed through their system. Most importantly, it provides true impact as advisees gain valuable insight and feedback from alumni mentors. We challenge you to create an account and lend a Helping Hand!

BY STEPHANIE BUCKLIN

When Ankit Prasad (2017), a senior at Iota Psi/RIT, entered his five-year, dual degree program, he knew that he would have two semesters free to explore career options and get crucial professional experience. Juggling economics and engineering courses, Ankit was particularly interested in consulting—but had no prior experience or contacts in the industry.

Ankit knew that networking was key. “You can only learn so much at school,” he said, citing the importance of getting the perspective of professionals who work in the field he was interested in. Ankit, who is a Charter Member of Iota Psi Chapter, decided to leverage Theta Chi’s Alumni Mentor Network in order to gain this crucial perspective. After receiving an email about the platform, Ankit reached out to alumni mentor Jason Houghton (Delta Rho/NC State 2008). Jason received his MBA from the University of North Carolina in 2014 while simultaneously serving in the U.S. Navy.

Jason, now a Senior Consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton, was happy to help—and was more than impressed with Ankit’s initiative. “I got the impression that the people that are using this [platform], at least in the small sample I talked to, are the people that are planning ahead, really engaged, that are going to be just fine,” Jason said, adding that Ankit seemed prepared and asked the right kinds of questions on their call.

But was consulting the right fit? Ankit and Jason discussed the pros and cons of commercial and federal consulting, and also the industry itself. Jason’s goal was to help Ankit understand not only the different types of consulting, but whether the lifestyle was right for him. He tried, he said, to give Ankit “the good, the bad, and the ugly.”

For Ankit, this was key. He left the conversation with a stronger sense of what he wanted to do after graduation.

Lend a Helping Hand. Create an account and be an Alumni Mentor for a brother.



Get advice, coaching, and prep from the people who have been there



Michael

Mike Sugrue graduated From CSUS in 1998 with a B.S. in Criminal Justice (Cum Laude). He then...



Nic

I would be happy to help brothers with Medical School Applications or Premed advising. I am...



Nicholas

I am a theatrical designer and educator. As a theatrical designer: I design sets, lights, and...

At every step of your journey, Theta Chi Alumni Mentors will be there for you



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Take the hassle out of networking and talk directly to someone who's been there and done that.



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Practice for your big interview with former company insiders who can tell you how to land the job.

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Matt Babaian (Eta Kappa/James Madison 2000) shares: I received an email and I immediately created a profile, as I continue to feel indebted, as I would not be where I am today or the person I am today without Theta Chi. For me, being so far away from my alma mater, I am not able to give back as much as I would like to and having something virtual fills that void.

I have had nine sessions scheduled since the kickoff of the program. It has been great meeting brothers from all across the United States. From Florida to New York to California and everywhere in between. I even spoke to a brother in the United Kingdom!

My biggest success story, and to the program overall, was a meeting with a brother at Iota Psi/RIT. This group became a chapter back in 2015. As you can imagine, they do not have a large alumni base to use as mentors. He was seeking basic career advice and we were able to discuss project management for software development. I was impressed as he provided his resume before we even had our meeting.

The greatest impact that the Alumni Mentors Network has is that it provides the opportunity to instantaneously have thousands of industry leaders right at your fingertips who voluntarily take time out of their day to serve as mentors. I believe this is an invaluable resource and I look forward to continuing with the program and look forward to virtually meeting additional brothers throughout the world! ■

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For questions about this initiative, contact Zack Brown, Director of Volunteer Development at zbrown@thetachi.org. For technical questions, contact support@firsthand.co or call 888-866-0746.



The Distinguished ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Distinguished Achievement Award recognizes alumni for extraordinary accomplishments outside of the Fraternity, which may include success in business, government, academia, athletics, entertainment, the community, and/or any other appropriate field.

#64 Dr. William Durden (Pi/Dickinson 1971)

Presented June 11, 2016



Brother Durden graduated from Dickson College in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in German and philosophy. He then attended John Hopkins University where he received his Ph.D. in

German language and literature. Upon graduation, he became a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Basle in Switzerland. Brother Durden served as a Klingenstein Fellow at Columbia University, an American Council of Learned Societies Fellow in Wolfenbuettel, Germany and was an officer in the U.S. Army working in the intelligence branch.

Dr. Durden served as the President of Dickinson College for 14 years and currently serves as Chief Global Engagement Officer for the International University Alliance. He recently served as the President of the Sylvan Learning Systems, Inc., Vice President of Academic Affairs at the Caliber Learning Network and was the founding Dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship at Bath Spa University (UK). Dr. Durden was consulted by the U.S. State Department for 11 years, chairing an advisory committee on exceptional children and youth. While he was working with the U.S. State Department Dr. Durden was also consulted by former Prime Minister Tony Blair for the same topic in the U.K.

#65 Al McCoy (Gamma Tau/Drake 1954)

Presented November 1, 2016

Known as "The Voice of the Suns," Al McCoy has served as the play-by-play announcer for the NBA's Phoenix Suns for over 40 years and currently serves as the team's Senior Vice President of Broadcasting. McCoy has been called the dean of NBA play-by-play announcers and is known for famous catchphrases such as "Shazam," "Zing Go the Strings," and "Heartbreak Hotel." In 2007, he received the 18th Annual Curt Gowdy Media Award from the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. He was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the House of Broadcasting and was inducted as the 15th member of the Phoenix Suns Ring of Honor this past March.



Brother McCoy graduated from Drake University with a degree in drama-speech and received their Alumni Achievement award in 1994. He began his broadcasting career at KJFJ Radio in Webster City, Iowa in 1951. Besides working for the Phoenix Suns, McCoy has done play-by-play for the now defunct Phoenix Giants and Phoenix Roadrunners along with Arizona State (football and basketball) and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

#66 George Young (Beta Iota/Arizona 1959)

Presented November 1, 2016



George Young's historic track and field career took off while at the University of Arizona. During his senior year, he started running the 3,000-m steeplechase and finished second at the National AAU championship. A year later

he qualified for the 1964 Summer Olympics, his first of four. Over his long distance running career, Young competed in the 3,000-m steeplechase, the 2-mile run, the 3-mile run, the 5,000-m run, and the marathon. His biggest highlight came at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City, where he took home the bronze medal in the 3,000-m steeplechase. At the age of 34 he set a then world record for the oldest person to run a sub-four-minute mile.

After the conclusion of his running career, Brother Young went on to coach seven different sports at Central Arizona College. Upon leaving, he had led his teams to a total of 14 championships. In 1988, he won a national title coaching the cross country team and was named the National Junior College Athletic Association coach of the year. Young was inducted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1981 and later into the National Distance Running Hall of Fame in 2003.

#67 Lt. Gen. Henry P. Osman (Zeta Pi/Old Dominion 1969) – Retired, USMC

Presented December 8, 2016



Brother Henry "Pete" Osman enlisted in the Marines in 1967 and was commissioned in 1969 upon his graduation from Old Dominion University. During his 37 years as an active

Marine, Osman commanded a rifle platoon during combat operations in Vietnam and served as a company officer at The Basic School (Marine Corps officer training). He also commanded companies in the 3rd Battalion 1st Marines, the Marine Corps Base Quantico, as well as the Marine Detachment on the USS Eisenhower.

Brother Osman held many important titles later in his career. This included logistics and operations officer in the 1st Marine Regiment, Director in the Personnel Management Division of HQMC (Headquarters Marine Corps), Director of Operational Plans and Joint Force Development of the Joint Staff, and aide-de-camp to the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. He also served as G-3 Plans Officer of the 1st Marine Division, Chief of Strategy for Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, and as the Commander of a Joint Task Force deployed to Northern Iraq during the Iraq War. In 2006, Brother Osman retired from the Marine Corps and currently serves as the CEO of Toys for Tots, a Marine run program that collects new toys to distribute to the less fortunate each Christmas.

#68 Hon. Gordon O. Tanner
(Alpha Phi/Alabama 1970)

Presented December 8, 2016

Colonel Gordon O. Tanner currently serves as the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of the Air Force and Chief Legal Officer and Chief Ethics Official for the Air Force in Washington, D.C. Before he was appointed to these positions he was the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Senior Executive Service for the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. He also provided guidance to the Deputy Assistant Secretaries for Management Integration, Strategic Diversity Integration, Reserve Affairs, and the Deputy for the Air Force Review Boards Agency.



While in the reserves, Brother Tanner's service included the Office of the Air Force General Counsel, the Senior Reserve Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Staff Judge Advocate, Fourteenth Air Force, Vandenberg Air Force Base; and as the Senior Individual Mobilization Augmentee and Instructor at the Judge Advocate General School Maxwell Air Force Base. He retired as a Colonel in the Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps Reserve.

#69 Rear Adm. J. Scott Burhoe
(Eta Lambda/Virginia Tech 1976)–
Retired, USCG

Presented December 8, 2016

Upon graduating from Virginia Tech in 1976, J. Scott Burhoe attended Officer Candidate School and received his commission for the United States Coast Guard (USCG), where he served for 34



years. As a part of his first assignment he led the USCG Ceremonial Honor Guard in Washington, D.C. He served in various operational roles including as Executive Officer and Alternate Captain of the Port, Coast Guard Station New London, CT; commanding Officer, Station Fort Lauderdale, FL; and Group Commander, Group Sandy Hook, NJ.

Burhoe also served in staff roles, mainly in human resources specialty at Training Center Cape May, Training Center Yorktown, VA, Coast Guard Headquarters, and as the Chief of the Officer Personnel Management Division. His final assignment with the Coast Guard was as the 39th Superintendent of the USCG Academy. Brother Burhoe currently serves as the 10th President of Fork Union Military Academy, a college prep, Christian, military boarding school in Fork Union, VA. Burhoe is a third-generation Theta Chi: His grandfather Lemuel N. Burhoe (1911) and father John M. Burhoe (1944) were both initiated at Alpha/Norwich.

#70 Brig. Gen. Stanley F. Cherrie
(Beta Delta/Rutgers 1964)–
Retired, USA

Presented January 21, 2017

Stanley F. Cherrie received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Rutgers University in 1964, where he played catcher for the baseball team, offensive guard and line-backer for the football



team and was a member of the Rutgers ROTC, of which he is now enshrined in their Hall of Fame. He served two assignments in Vietnam and completed tours in Germany, Saudi Arabia, and Bosnia-

Herzegovina. He started out as a second lieutenant and rose amongst the ranks to brigadier general. During Operation Desert Storm, Cherrie engineered the largest armored offensive since World War II, which has been referred to as the decisive fight of the campaign. For his time in the Army, Brother Cherrie has received the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Distinguished Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit.

#71 Phil Vassar
(Eta Kappa/James Madison 1984)

Presented April 22, 2017



Phil Vassar found monumental success in the country music industry. His music career started while at James Madison University, where he would often play piano and work as a

singer at clubs in Harrisonburg, VA. Upon graduating he moved to Nashville, TN to start his music career.

Vassar first made a name for himself during the late 1990s, when he co-wrote songs with several country music stars including Tim McGraw and Alan Jackson. In 1999, he was named by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) as the Country Songwriter of the Year. In 2000, he released his first album, Phil Vassar, and has released eight more since.

After three decades since JMU, Phil Vassar has established himself as a country music star. He is one of only a few people to have multiple hits as an artist and as a songwriter. Over his career, he has 10 #1 hits, 15 top 10s, and 26 Top 40s. Some of Vassar's more notable songs include "I'm Alright," "Just Another Day in Paradise," "Carlene," and "Six-Pack Summer."

All Distinguished Achievement Award recipients are enshrined in the Fraternity's Hall of Honor at the International Headquarters. To date, out of our 180,000+ brothers only 71 have received the award.

Brothers are welcome to visit the Theta Chi Museum and Hall of Honor. Call (317) 848-1856 for hours.



DELTA ETA/Colorado State



ALPHA PHI/Alabama



ALPHA LAMBDA/Ohio State

After a 21-year absence, we were officially reinstated on April 8, 2017. The expansion project, which started in fall 2016, developed at a rate which amazed all at Ohio State's campus. Within only two recruitment seasons, the brotherhood grew to 70 outstanding members, surpassing their campus average. Our members rose to various leadership positions as well, from positions in IFC to student government. We have worked to integrate within the Greek community, partaking in traditions of Greek Week and sorority serenades. On top of this, we persisted to hold Sacred Purpose events, promoting alcohol safety by handing out water bottles to students participating in Ohio State's nightlife. We also set high expectations for GPA, and have maintained a 3.4 average.

ALPHA PHI/Alabama

In January, Chapter President **Tyler Portanova** (2018) was officially sworn in as SGA Vice President of Financial Affairs. **Jared Hunter** (2018) was elected SGA President.

BETA ALPHA/UCLA

We are proud to report that we are **THREE-PEATING** as UCLA's Dance Marathon Fraternity Fundraising Champions, joining our 2013, 2015, and 2016 teams on the podium! We raised \$10,890 for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Foundation to help in the fight against transmission of HIV/AIDS from mother to newborn.

BETA DELTA/Rutgers

Our Philanthropy Chair, **Zach Slotkin** (2017), along with his committee, hosted our annual gingerbread house decorating contest. Last year, we had more than a dozen teams from various sororities and fraternities sign up, and this year we intend to top that and raise even more money for the USO than we did last year. In addition, we proudly hosted the first Theta Chi University on campus this January.

BETA ZETA/Michigan State

On November 16, 2016, our group was officially recolonized. We raised our cumulative GPA and continue to strive for academic achievement.

We increased in size from 43 members in the fall to nearly 80. We came in second place in Greek Week Spotlight and won KAT at Bat. On April 30, 2017, Beta Zeta was officially reinstated and we continue to strive to be Resolute Men.

BETA THETA/Drexel

During the fall 2016 term, we not only achieved the highest term GPA out of the 15 IFC fraternities, but also had the highest term GPA out of all 36 Greek organizations.

BETA PHI/Nevada

This semester as a chapter of 47 members, we have nearly doubled our numbers by recruiting a 30-man pledge class. This is due in no small part to our young and talented executive board, whose innovative approaches to recruitment and event planning have already yielded large returns for the chapter. Such rapid growth has given us the confidence and ambition to become the top fraternity on campus. We continue to play an influential role in Reno's vibrant Greek culture, and our chapter has worked closely with the

University and other campus-based organizations to ensure a relationship of mutual respect and transparency. In early February, we led the charge during Sexual Violence Awareness Week by handing out buttons to sororities that said "We Stand with You." We believe it is important to take this issue seriously in order for it to be prevented at every possible turn. In April, we hosted our annual Toast for Troops philanthropy event.

GAMMA PHI/Nebraska Wesleyan

We were named Greek Chapter of the Year at NWU's Greek Awards Night in March 2017. Several individuals were also recognized: Past President **Cody Schilling** (2017) was named Greek Man of the Year, current President **Dan Novinski** (2019) was named Most Values Oriented Member, and current Secretary **Simon Holloway** (2020), was named Outstanding New Member. **Dustin Bartley** (2003) was named Outstanding Chapter Adviser. Finally, the chapter took home first place in the annual Greek



GAMMA PHI/Nebraska Wesleyan



ZETA RHO/Kentucky

ZETA RHO/Kentucky placed third among UK fraternities in Greek Sing 2017. Monies raised during Greek Sing benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



ABOVE: **GAMMA PHI/Nebraska Wesleyan** was named Chapter of the Year and took home several additional awards. RIGHT: Gamma Phi took first place in the annual Greek lip sync.

ALPHA PHI/Alabama's Jared Hunter (2018) (center) and his campaign team celebrate at the chapter house after they learn he has won the election for SGA President. Photo by Casey Nelson



GAMMA PHI/Nebraska Wesleyan

lip sync competition, beating out the traditional sorority powerhouses.

DELTA ETA/Colorado State

We held our annual Haunted House philanthropy last fall, hosting more than 800 people in the community and raising \$4,500 for various charities and \$1,250 for the USO. Alumni and families were invited to celebrate our first Alter Award in the fall, an outstanding achievement for our chapter. We won two awards at our FSL awards: Most Involved Member: **Edward Kendall** (2018) and the Diversity and Inclusion Award: **Troy Wilkinson** (2018). Our chapter raised more than \$2,500 for the USO at our spring philanthropy Tater Chi, the most money we have ever raised in a spring semester.

DELTA MU/Texas

Last November, we hosted Brenda Tracy, a sexual assault survivor and a leading advocate for women's rights. She delivered an impassioned speech about her journey and what she has overcome and accomplished. This was a free event that we hosted in hopes that her story would inspire



A young patient in Kolkata, India clings to the toy provided by Zeta Omicron Colony brothers.

others to join her fight and maybe help heal the wounds of people with stories similar to her.

ZETA OMICRON COLONY/ Shippensburg

In January, we made a donation to the Spine Education and Research Foundation (SERF). The money was spent on toys for children between the ages of 1-18. **Collin McConnell** (2017) traveled along with the team this year to bring the toys that our money had bought.

SERF was founded in 2005 by McConnell's father, Dr. Jeffery McConnell. Dr. McConnell established a relationship with Ramakrishna Mission Hospital in Kolkata, India. For the past 12 years, Dr. McConnell has led a team of nurses and doctors, from the United States and the UK to India on a 2-week trip to perform nearly 15 spinal surgeries at no cost to the patient. The patients ranged from 2 to 60 years of age. The trip is very taxing and draining due to the high demand and need for his team's medical experience.

Collin shares, "The trip was an amazing experience. I am grateful that our colony was able to put together money to gather toys for the kids on this mission trip. Seeing the expression on the kids' faces was something I will never forget."

ZETA PSI/Western Illinois

We won a philanthropy partnership with the Women's Basketball team benefiting the USO. Brothers also participated in Western Illinois' 12-hour Dance Marathon that raised a total of \$123,200 for the

Children's Miracle Network Hospital. The Zeta Psi Chapter hosted their inaugural Family Feud philanthropy, Western Wars, and donated all proceeds to the USO.

THETA EPSILON/ Kennesaw State

We held our annual Desperado Week benefiting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta on March 13th through the 16th. The chapter dedicated this year's Desperado Week to our former Chapter President **Christopher Dobson** (2016), better known as "Dobby." Dobby not only exemplifies what it means to be a Theta Chi, but he inspires and impacts everyone he meets. The goal for Desperado Week 2017 was \$6,570, but also this number was not random: It combined three very significant numbers: \$2,300 for the 23 years Dobby has been alive, \$3,000 for the three times he's defeated cancer, and \$1,270 for the 127 days he stayed at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

The Kennesaw State Greek community came together for a movement for the kids, and not only



IOTA PSI/RIT



IOTA PSI/RIT brothers received the Amy Vojta Impact Award for Academic Achievement. For the past two semesters, the chapter had the highest GPA among all Greek Life organizations on campus.

IOTA PHI/South Carolina brothers pick up food from local grocery stores for God's Storehouse, a resource center/food bank for families in need. The brothers usually pick up around 500-600 pounds of food and organize the food area and help out for about four hours. In April 2017, the chapter was awarded Chapter of the Year.

IOTA PHI/South Carolina



surpassed \$6,570 for Dobby, but obliterated it with **\$27,000** raised in four short days. This included donations from every sorority on campus, other IFC fraternities, the Kennesaw State community, and even an anonymous \$10,000 donation. This week not only exemplified what it means to be a Theta Chi, but it raised awareness for a cause that is truly bigger than all of us.

Moving from Desperado Week, we went into KSU Miracle's Dance Marathon. Dance Marathon has been at Kennesaw State's campus for nine years now and Theta Chi has been involved with it since it started, with past alumni having contributed to the first Dance Marathon board at Kennesaw State. Throughout the year, with Desperado Week and other fundraising, we raised \$49,956, all benefiting Children's Miracle Network hospitals. This record shattered any record set by an IFC fraternity in Kennesaw State Dance Marathon history. On top of that, we won top fundraising fraternity on campus and won the KSU Miracle Rally Week trophy for top

IOTA MU/Missouri

It started with a smile. For most people, that is all it takes. If Cassidy-Rae Luebbering smiles at you even once, she becomes a part of your life forever. We first met Cassidy-Rae and her family while decorating cookies on Valentine's Day and continued our interactions during Mizzou Thon. Brothers visited the family's beautiful farm home in St. Thomas, MO, an hour drive south of campus, and wanted to assist in providing the proper amenities to make day-to-day tasks easier for Cassidy-Rae, who was born premature and diagnosed with cerebral palsy and a hearing impairment.



We raised more than \$6,000 to help build a wheelchair-accessible bathroom and assisted with grouting the shower and installing her new bedroom TV. The finished project included new carpeting in the home, a master bedroom with a closet for Cassidy-Rae, and a completely renovated wheelchair-accessible bathroom. The chapter unanimously declared Cassidy-Rae our Theta Chi Sweetheart and continues to visit and also invites the family to our events. Every member is incredibly thankful to be able to know such a wonderful family, and to see Cassidy-Rae smile even more than before.

fundraising fraternity. When factoring in our contribution, this year's KSU Miracle's grand total was \$215,192.

IOTA NU/South Florida

We are proud to announce that we raised more than \$12,000 for Shriners Children's Hospital in Tampa at our 5th Annual Singing

For Shriners philanthropy event! We are so incredibly happy to have such an amazing partnership and we hope to continue this philanthropy for many years to come.



36th Annual International David E. DeVol Ski Trip

BY JAMES J. MOYLAN (GAMMA LAMBDA/DENVER 1969)
AND ROBERT LEITCH (ETA BETA/EASTERN KENTUCKY 1996)

On Friday, February 24, 2017, Theta Chi Brothers from around the country descended upon Steamboat Springs, CO “Ski Town USA—Home of Champagne Powder” for the 36th Annual International DeVol Ski Trip. In attendance were brothers who graduated as recently as 2016 and as far away as 1957.

On Friday evening, we dined at Fiesta Jalisco, a fine Mexican restaurant in Steamboat and built up courage for the first day of skiing with first class frosty margaritas and cervezas frias.

Some brothers needed to rent equipment and that was professionally handled by Ski Butlers in Steamboat, providing a nice discount and exemplary service.

Saturday, we took to the slopes and skied during a snow storm which led to two casualties, but no permanent damage. Those brothers still able to make dinner had a fine one at Rex’s American Grill and Bar.

Sunday was a “Blue-Bird” day and those able to ski had a great day on the slopes. Dinner was at the Aurum Restaurant in downtown Steamboat Springs. We all wore our embroidered 36th Annual Ski Trip golf shirts provided by Chaos Ink in Craig, CO.

Our lodging hosts—Steamboat Resorts by Wyndham, which always does a great job for us, provided round-trip shuttle bus transportation to and from our two condos at Timber Run Condominiums to downtown.

Monday was another “Blue-Bird” day and the brothers took advantage of the weather to have one of the best days on the slopes of Mt. Werner. Dinner was low key with pizza from Soda Creek Pizzeria in the Timber Run Condominiums party room. On Tuesday, the brothers departed Steamboat Springs.

Great snow, great food, great fun, and brotherhood were experienced by all. **Al Zale** (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1957) said, “I’ve been skiing for the better part of 50 years on all kinds of mountains and with all kinds of people. I look forward every year to joining my Theta Chi brothers of all generations to celebrate our bond, shred a mountain, and meet the ladies of every ski-town we go to.” At the other end of the generational spectrum **Spencer Morgan** (Kappa Alpha/Spokane, WA 2016) shared, “This was my first alumni ski trip. I have to admit I had some trepidation about skiing with these old dudes, but you know, they “shred,” especially Al Zale. I will be back.”

Other brothers in attendance included two brothers from Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz: International Marshal **Herb Morgan** (1988) and **Tyson Lai** (1990) as well as **Hank Griffin** (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1970), **Scott Fortney** (Zeta Rho/Kentucky 1985), **Mike Kistler** (Epsilon Upsilon/Central Michigan 1973), Foundation Chapter Board of Directors President **Lindsay Olsen** (Delta Psi/Kansas 1983), **Jeff Anderson** (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1989), **Rob Leitch** (Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky 1996), and **Jim Moylan** (Gamma Lambda/Denver 1969).

The 37th Annual Ski Trip International DeVol Ski Trip will be held at Mammoth Lakes, CA, from February 23–27, 2018. Mark your calendar!



Ski Bums getting ready to hit the slopes.



Despite injury, several Helping Hands from fellow members of the Theta Chi Ski Bums were extended to keep Jim Moylan in good spirits.



More than 500 Celebrate the Centennial of Phi Chapter

BY CORY LOVELESS (PHI/NORTH DAKOTA STATE 2012)

FARGO, ND— On the evening of Saturday, March 25, 2017, seating was at a premium at the Crystal Ball Room of the Hilton Garden Inn. The dull roar of conversation filled the room and it was difficult for **Jack Haines** (1986) to communicate with hotel staff that another table for seating would be helpful. A cackle of laughter erupted nearby as brothers viewed familiar photos of each other from years ago on a running slideshow. Carefully-worded retellings of the events surrounding the photos were shared, with only an appropriate amount of hyperbole. For a moment, it appeared that not much had changed from the traditional Monday Night Meals that were held so long ago at 1307 North University Drive in Fargo.

The banquet at the Hilton was the culmination of a weekend celebration of 100 years of Theta Chi Fraternity at North Dakota State University. Haines, the Centennial Event Chairman, and a group of dedicated brothers on the Alumni Council of Phi Chapter have gathered for the past four years in anticipation of the event. Traditionally dubbed the annual “Pig Banquet,” the weekend included social hours at the hotel each evening for brothers to reconnect, construction tours of the chapter house and a pig roast luncheon,

campus tours for brothers who had not been back to NDSU for quite some time, a local brewery tour, and a formal evening banquet.

It is not unusual for more than 100 alumni to gather for a Pig Banquet luncheon, but this year brought 368 brothers to the chapter house on Saturday afternoon. Brothers reminisced as they walked through the hallways and through the rooms in which they used to reside. The house was never in perfect condition when the brothers themselves lived there, but the halls were in particularly rough shape as they took house tours this year. The chapter house has been under construction since June 2016, and much of the remaining interior is structural only. This was only slightly concerning for some, as the weight of several hundred visitors was much more easily observed now than during a house party during collegiate years.

In celebration of 100 years, Phi Chapter began a capital campaign to renovate the chapter house. More than \$1.3 million of the \$1.55 million project had been pledged by around 300 brothers leading up to the weekend, and I’m happy to report that many of the brothers who had come back to celebrate also supported the chapter

house project. \$186,500 was raised in a little over 48 hours due to the generosity of many and Alumni Treasurer **Jason Gates** (2002) and his wife Sarah, who have been championing the campaign, were busy reconciling accounts between reconnecting with old friends.

Oddly enough during the four or five different phone-calling efforts by the Alumni Council to encourage brothers to come back, money never seemed to be the center of conversation. More important to each interaction were the stories about getting the sled stacked with a keg from Chub’s Pub back to the chapter house, or the moments when brothers hopped in a vehicle to road trip across the country, or the formal that made men thankful social media did not have a presence in their lives 30 years ago. It could have been the celebration of recent retirements, the sorrows of brothers passing, the joy of new employment, or the beginning of a family. The thick feeling of nostalgia upon hearing the voice of someone with whom one hasn’t spoken for a decade or more is palpable, and it was something that I was able to witness in my fellow brothers as they reconnected for this special event. When asked about the most meaningful moment of the weekend, current Phi Chapter Alumni Council Presi-



dent **Brad Westrum** (1972) remarked that the power of reconnection stuck with him. "I think seeing over 300 alumni return for the celebration was the most meaningful. More than 100 alumni from the 1960s and 1970s eras made it back. For fear of sounding too dramatic, I think many of us realized that we may not have another opportunity to spend time with some old friends... friendships made for life at Theta Chi."

During the evening program of the banquet, Past International Vice President **Al Calarco** (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg 1978) shared his memories of visiting Phi back in the '80s. Brother Al was in attendance from the east coast with fellow Past International Vice President **Joseph D'Amore** (Eta Pi/ East Stroudsburg 1977) in an effort to surprise **Jim Hardwick** (1987), who formerly served on the Grand Chapter. International President **Joseph Couch** gave a keynote address expressing his gratitude for fraternity, his impressions of Phi Chapter, and ended his remarks with the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor in Theta Chi Fraternity, to Jim Hardwick (see story on this page). The friendship shared by these Grand Chapter members in 2017 echoed the friendship in 1928 when Grand Chapter members honored Phi's very own Reginald E.F. Colley (1915) by naming Theta Chi Fraternity's highest collegiate award in his memory. This reunion of old friends from different chapters around the country was truly emblematic of our international brotherhood. Additional representatives of the Grand Chapter and the International Headquarters included International Chaplain Creig Andreasen, Executive Director Michael Mayer, and Chief Development Officer Philip Thornton.

Each Founders Day celebration evokes a period of reflection upon the promise made by two men to take care of each other, and make the place in which they studied and served a better place. Phi Chapter is now 100 years old, but our Fraternity has roots 61 years prior to this centennial date. When I consider this longevity, I have no doubt in my mind that the same kind of connection exhibited by brothers at celebrations like Phi Chapter's centennial has been shared by every brother in our great Fraternity. That connection is our Fraternity. I consider myself thankful to be a part of it. ■

James D. Hardwick: Theta Chi's 2017 Distinguished Service Award Recipient

James D. Hardwick (Phi/North Dakota State 1987) has been named the 2017 recipient of the Fraternity's Distinguished Service Award, the highest award Theta Chi Fraternity may confer upon a member. By means of this award, the Fraternity is able to show its official appreciation and to publicly recognize and properly honor those alumnus members of the Fraternity who by reason of outstanding international service, personal effort, and unselfish interest have made distinguished contributions to the lasting good and general welfare of Theta Chi Fraternity. At no time can the number of awards made exceed the number of years in age of the Fraternity.

An alumnus initiate, Brother Hardwick's dedication spans nearly 30 years. He is a recipient of Theta Chi Fraternity's Citation of Honor, two George T. Kilavos Alumni Awards, including one from the Grand Chapter, and the Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award.

Jim served as an alumnus volunteer in the Upper Plains Region, a faculty adviser for Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls, and as a Regional Counselor in the Great Lakes Region. Jim also served on the Fraternity's Leadership Education Committee assisting with the planning of conventions and regional conferences for 10 years.

Brother Hardwick served on the 150th Anniversary Convention Committee advancing the effort to identify 150 Significant Contributors to Theta Chi Fraternity and also delivered the closing remarks at that Convention's banquet.

In 2008, Brother Hardwick was elected to the Grand Chapter and appointed International Chaplain. As International Chaplain, he chaired a Ritual Committee that produced the first update of the Fraternity's Ritual since 1995. Jim's attention to the significance and beauty of our Ritual resulted in a ceremony that is true to our Founders' ideals and also meaningful in the present day.

In 2010, Brother Hardwick was appointed International Marshal and chaired the Standards Committee that produced the Chapter Standards Self-Assessment tool to help chapter leaders identify areas to improve their chapter.

Brother Hardwick has worked professionally in higher education in student affairs positions since 1985, including working with fraternities and sororities on three campuses and serving in senior student affairs positions on two campuses. Currently, he serves as the Vice President for Student Life at Carroll College in Helena, MT. Additionally, Brother Hardwick also serves as a college accreditation evaluator in the Pacific Northwest for the regional higher education accreditation commission.

International President Joseph Couch shares, "I consider Brother Hardwick to be one of the most thoughtful and genuine brothers I have met in Theta Chi. I will always remember and appreciate his support and mentorship when I was first elected to the Grand Chapter." Couch continued, "his selflessness, eternal optimism, strong faith, and commitment to education are but a few of the reasons that I view him as one of Theta Chi's very finest gentlemen. I am overjoyed that Brother Hardwick is the 2017 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award."



James D. Hardwick



ALPHA PSI/Maryland alumni celebrate Founders Day 2017 at the chapter house with collegiate members at the University of Maryland.



BETA ALPHA/UCLA brothers are proud of their renovated chapter room.



CHI/Auburn

Past International President **Pat O'Connor** (1978) was installed as Georgia's 54th State Bar President. The State Bar of Georgia is the governing body for those who practice law in the state with membership being a requirement. O'Connor is currently the managing partner of Oliver Maner LLP in Savannah, GA where he has worked since 1990.

ALPHA MU/Iowa State

Officer **Tim Schwering** (1996) rescued a woman trapped in a burning car by smashing the window and removing the glass by hand. His heroics were captured by his body camera. Brother Schwering was quoted in an article by KTLA News saying, "Getting this attention is nice, but I can tell you a hundred stories that have happened in the past month within this department and around the nation that are doing the same things." He currently serves as the health & safety adviser for Kappa Alpha Chapter in Spokane, WA.

BETA ALPHA/UCLA

Our alumni board is proud to report that we have completed two important renovations to the chapter house. The first is our newly-renovated chapter room. The budget, including design, carpentry, and furniture, was just north of \$16,000. The new room and the adjacent mini-library make for a better meeting vibe and our collegians love to use them as study areas. One impediment to living-in the house that our house corporation heard repeatedly was that our main bathroom had a common/group shower. So, as part of the bathroom renovation, we replaced the old shower with three individual showers. We also installed an individual shower stall in the ladies' bathroom and in a new quad bedroom, bringing the total to five shower stalls for a house with 34 beds. The price-tag for the main bathroom project was in the neighborhood of \$100K.

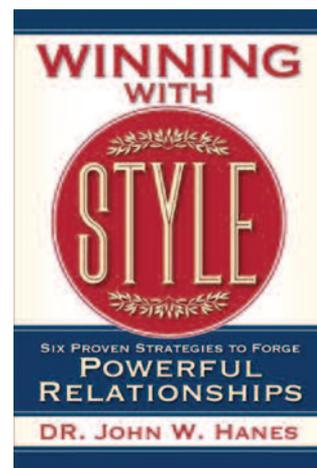
BETA NU/Case Western

Geoff Wedig (1994) won an Academy Award at the 89th Science & Technical Awards. His Technical

Achievement Award was presented for the design and development of animation rig-based facial performance-capture systems at Image-Movers Digital and Digital Domain. These systems evolved through independent, then combined, efforts at two different studios, resulting in an artist-controllable, editable, scalable solution for the high-fidelity transfer of facial performances to convincing digital characters. Samples of work using Brother Wedig's software include *Maleficent*, *TRON: Legacy*, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* and *Night at the Museum 3*. His software was also used at the 2012 Coachella music festival to feature a hologram performance of deceased rapper Tupac Shakur.

BETA OMICRON/Cincinnati

Former Field Representative **John Hanes** (1976) has published a new book titled *Winning With Style: Six Proven Strategies to Forge Powerful Relationships*. John writes that this book will "challenge you, inspire you and guide you through the process of building powerful relationships



that will get you the results you want in life and business and will also show how to avoid the seven deadly relationship sins that can cause a leader's career to spiral out of control."

To learn more about his book, visit: <http://winningwithstyle.net>.

BETA CHI/Allegheny

Brandon Goeller (2010), a Ph.D. student at the School of Biological Sciences at the University of



On February 21, 2017, **Ed Shames** (Zeta Pi/Old Dominion 2014) was commended by a joint session of the Virginia General Assembly for his service in World War II. Shames served as a paratrooper and is the last surviving officer of the famed Easy Company of the 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne. Shames was joined at the Virginia Capitol by Ida Shames, his wife of 71 years.

ZETA PI/Old Dominion Charter Member Joe Kendall (1969) shares, "I am wearing the first football jersey the young Theta Chi colony at Old Dominion ever used. I was not there for that first season but my big brother, Larry McKinley (1967) was, and he gave the jersey to me when I pledged."

LEFT: In December, **Ken Caldwell** (Zeta Psi/Western Illinois 1978), Walt Disney Studio's vice president of domestic distribution, traveled to U.S. military bases in Iraq and Jordan to help service members celebrate the holidays with a premiere showing of *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*. (Photo by U.S. Army Spc. Derrik Tribbey)



Canterbury, is testing the possibility that untreated pine woodchips will reduce nitrate levels as well as improve the habitats for in-stream invertebrates and fish. His research was featured in *The New Zealand Herald*.

DELTA BETA/Georgia

Chris Carr (1995) was sworn into office as Georgia's 54th Attorney General on November 1, 2016. Governor Nathan Deal appointed Carr as Attorney General to fill a vacancy created by the departure of former Attorney General Sam Olens to become president of Kennesaw State University. Carr's term runs through 2018, when he will be eligible to seek election to a full four-year term. In 2016, Brother Carr provided the keynote address during the alumni luncheon held during the 160th Anniversary Convention in Atlanta.

DELTA NU/Vermont

On May 1, 2017, **Herbert Durfee, III** (1985) started his new position as the Town Manager for Norwich, VT. As Town Manager, he will supervise

the affairs of the town and is the administrative head of all departments of town government.

ZETA PI/Old Dominion

On Sept. 22, 2016, Past International President **Carlton F. Bennett** (1972) was unanimously elected by the Old Dominion Board of Visitors to serve as rector for the 2016-2018 term. He served most recently as chair of the Academic and Research Enhancement Committee and as a member of the Student Enhancement and Engagement Committee. As rector, Bennett will chair the board's Executive Committee.

On February 18, 2017, Zeta Pi held its annual alumni/collegiate officer gathering during an ODU basketball game at the Ted Constant Convocation Center. The Alumni Award was presented to **Darron Cross** (1993). Golden Guards were presented to **Mike Loizides** (1967), **Jim Levick** (1974), and **Bill Martens** (1969). Also in attendance were **Carlton Bennett** (1972), **Harold Winer** (1971), and **Ed Shames** (2014).

ZETA SIGMA/Wisconsin-River Falls

We held another successful Homecoming and Cornerstone Banquet this fall. Our Cornerstone Banquet saw our largest turnout ever and we were graced by the presence of UW-River Falls Chancellor Dean Van Galen, International Chaplain Creig Andreasen and Past International President Paul Norstrem. We raised nearly \$12,000 for our Chapter Specific Scholarship Fund. **Fred Benson's** (1973) biennial Theta Chi "Old Timers" Alumni Party was also a great hit. Our thanks, as always to Fred and Yvonne Benson for hosting. A highlight of the event was when Chapter President **Alec Marentic** (2017), Roster #665, presented the chapter's original roster book and **Martin Rost** (1969), #1, Irv Possin (1969), #2, and **Warren Higgins** (1970), #3 flipped through the pages.

ETA ZETA/Edinboro

Christopher Galiyas (2001) has written and illustrated a new children's book entitled *The Real Imagination Town Mishap: The Tooth That Changed Everything*. In the book,

three friends use their imagination to help each other out, share kindness, and figure out who they truly are. This book is all about the spirit of giving and kindness, as well as the value of true friendships. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.

Eric Pope (2003) has been elected to the Edinboro University Alumni Association Board of Directors. Eric currently serves as Associate Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life at Rochester Institute of Technology. He also serves as a Counselor for chapters and alumni in upstate New York.

THETA ZETA/UNC-Ashville

Alumnus initiate **Dr. George Heard** (2001) was recognized with the Outstanding Volunteer Award from the North Carolina Science Olympiad.

IOTA NU/South Florida

Dwayne Isaacs (2005), Assistant Director of Student Life and Engagement-University Student Center at the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg was recognized as the Outstanding Employee of the Year at USFSP.



A Journey of Self-Discovery

Following graduation, **JJ Grinde** (Delta Omega/Ripon 2016) traveled throughout Southeast Asia and shares his experience:

It began with visiting brothers **Nay Htet** (2017) and **Khun Maung** (2019) in Yangon, Myanmar. I was able to meet their families and explore all the city had to offer, including the Shwedagon Pagoda and an art exhibit by Wolfgang Laib at the Secretariat. One of my favorite memories of the trip was watching nearly two dozen hot air balloons ascend to the sky right at sunrise as we sat atop a 900 year old temple.

I was able to visit the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda in eastern Myanmar, which is a truly impressive Buddhist pilgrimage site. It was quite the experience being crammed in the back of a truck with about 50 other people and careening up a mountainside at sunrise.

From there, it was off for about a month in Thailand in Bangkok, Koh Phangan, and Chiang Mai. I loved a boating adventure in Koh Phangan, which included snorkeling with a South African attorney, kayaking with a Serbian tennis prodigy, and becoming a temporary honorary Serbian while hiking up a mountain with a group of Serbians from Belgrade.

I also really loved zip-lining and getting to interact with an entire family of elephants in Chiang Mai, as well as experiencing the energy of watching the Federer-Nadal Australian Open final with a group of strangers at a hole-in-the-wall bar.

I taught English at a school in rural Cambodia, approximately ten miles outside of Siem Reap. It was a tremendous experience to see firsthand how motivated these students are to learn. My students had an immense desire to improve Cambodia in various ways, from education to engineering to science and law, and it was inspiring to see them working harder to learn English or understand their math work because to them, it is just one step closer to having a better country for all.

I then departed for Vietnam, where I rode a motorbike from Ho Chi Minh City 720 miles north to Hanoi for two months.

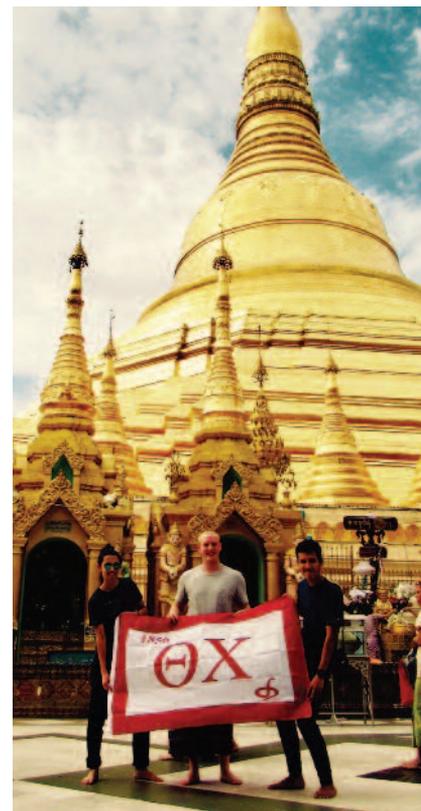
What this trip has shown me so far is that I can not only survive in resource poor environments, but actually thrive. You are shown how little you actually need to both live and enjoy the life that you are living. Plus, it has certainly shown me just how many assumptions we self-impose on our own lives. We drive on the right, because that's the right way to drive. Well, not in Thailand. The steering wheel should be on the left because we drive on the right. Well, not in Myanmar.

Likewise, what constitutes a happy and successful life differs for different people, and there is not a singular metric for either. This trip has shown me that I am actually capable of teaching important skills and lessons to others, which has proven to be a tremendous realization. This trip has been the embodiment of the notion that fortune favors the bold, and that there really is not much holding you back from doing something once you have determined that you actually want to do it. If you are terrified and excited about doing something, do the thing that scares you the most (within reason), because it will almost always turn out to be the right decision in the long run.

Finally, this trip convinced me that I do not want to stop seeing new places and experiencing different types of people. As a consequence, I have accepted an invitation to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mozambique, where I will be spending the next two years as a secondary (high school) chemistry teacher beginning in late August. Here's to another adventure.



At the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda in eastern Myanmar.



Delta Omega's JJ Grinde (2016) visits the Shwedagon Pagoda in Myanmar with Nay Htet (2017) (left) and Khun Maung (2019).



ZETA PSI/Western Illinois brothers (l-r) Dave Gish (1970), Ed Kelley (1974), Mike Wagner (1971), John Bokum (1972), and Tom Elwood (1973) reunited in Pittsburgh while in town for the wedding of Ed's son. Mike Wagner played 10 years for the Steelers and won four Super Bowl rings.



USAF Maj. Steve Brenoskie (Zeta Omega/West Chester 2006) visits Iwo Jima.

Eta Kappa brothers establish memorial foundation for Brother Bob Nicol

Last fall, a group of Eta Kappa/James Madison alumni brothers organized a concert and golf tournament to benefit a foundation established as a memorial for **Bob Nicol** (1982), who served as President of Eta Kappa Chapter in 1982.

The first event featured a concert at the Tally Ho Theater in Leesburg, VA featuring Eta Kappa's own country music hit maker **Phil Vassar** (1984), who dedicated the proceeds from the concert to the Bob Nicol Memorial.

The following day, more than 100 golfers participated in our golf tournament held at the exclusive Belmont Country Club in Ashburn, VA, which featured prizes for Hole in One, Longest Drive, and Closest to the Hole. Following play, a dinner and silent auction were held. The Mark Carnevale Show aired live from Belmont Country Club featuring Eta Kappa's **Mark Carnevale** (1982), 1992 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year, and likely the best golfer in JMU history!

The silent auction offered autographed photos and other items from PGA TOUR favorites including Bernhard Langer, Lanny Wadkins, Gary Player, John Daly, Fred Couples, Jay Haas, Jordan Spieth, Fred Couples, Mark O'Meara, Rory McIlroy, and Tiger Woods. Two additional football related items included a signed football from Seattle Seahawk Richard Sherman and a JMU gold football helmet signed by JMU's five-time Super Bowl Champion, Charles Haley.



Phil Vassar (1984) (standing, third from left) reunites with Eta Kappa brothers to honor the legacy of former Chapter President Bob Nicol. Vassar donated proceeds from his concert to the Memorial.

In all, our inaugural efforts raised nearly \$40,000 for the Bob Nicol Foundation which will benefit the JMU Duke Club (athletic scholarships), JMU's Katherine Nicole Norton Memorial Scholarship in the Elementary Education Program (in memory of our chapter brother **Stuart Norton's** (1984) daughter who tragically passed away just before beginning her junior year at JMU), and a newly established Helping Hand Fund which will provide funds on an as-needed basis to any one of our Fraternal family members who are in need a special gift in order to aid in caring for a sick loved one. Each of these worthy causes certainly honor Brother Nicol's love and commitment to alma mater, his chapter, and our Fraternity.

We look forward to another successful event in fall 2017! For more information, please contact Tom Nohstadt (1984), Chairman, The R. Nicol Charitable Foundation, Inc. at tom.nohstadt@comcast.net.



We are honored to call these men our brothers. The condolences of Theta Chi's extended worldwide family are offered to the family and friends of our departed brothers. This listing includes all deaths reported to the International Headquarters between September 16, 2016, and April 10, 2017.

Our sincere apologies and "Welcome Back" to Brother **Joseph L. Drummond** (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1952), who was erroneously listed as joining the Chapter Eternal in the previous issue. To report the accurate news of a brother who has passed on to the Chapter Eternal, email ihq@thetachi.org or call 317-848-1856.

ALPHA

Norwich

John A. Sparkes (1940)

BETA

MIT

Stanford R. Amstutz (1954)

Richard F. Cole (1959)

Joseph W. Hurley (1954)

Richard A. Jacobs (1956)

William J. Maczko (1960)

Kenneth M. Prytherch (1949)

William H. Shenkle (1951)

GAMMA

Maine

James E. Ayer (1951)

George E. Lepage (1960)

Kenneth H. McFarland (1953)

Donald Schmotlach (1958)

Charles D. Stritch (1953)

DELTA

RPI

Owen E. Brooks (1946)

Charles L. Johnson (1951)

John F. McNeill, Jr. (1957)

Howard W. Pappert (1945)

Donald E. Pardon (1949)

Ronald G. Senechal (1960)

G. T. Williams (1952)

EPSILON

WPI

Elmer W. Bennett, Jr. (1943)

Cushing C. Bozenhard (1946)

John A. Coppola (1949)

John M. Driscoll (1939)

John P. Mallay (1949)

Andrew F. Payson (1986)

Richard P. Schou (1958)

John P. Slovak, Jr. (1963)

ZETA

New Hampshire

Frank W. Brown (1944)

Erling Finne (1949)

C. E. Silva (1962)

Dan F. Sweet (1940)

THETA

Massachusetts

Thomas P. Devine (1969)

Mark A. Matasavage (1973)

IOTA

Colgate

Andrew R. Hill (1986)

LAMBDA

Cornell

John E. Littleton (1965)

Curtis McCutcheon, Jr. (1949)

NU

Hampden-Sydney

John H. East (1936)

XI

Virginia

Hugh E. Kabler (1938)

OMICRON

Richmond

William F. Kennedy (1968)

PI

Dickinson

John B. Davies (1952)

Richard H. Searer (1949)

RHO

Illinois

Arthur F. Baker (1953)

Paul L. Gallis (1968)

Darius Goh (2018)

Frederick H. Schott (1940)

SIGMA

Oregon State

John F. Oleary (1952)

TAU

Florida

Jerome B. Elmore (2011)

Peter D. Stanton (1957)

PHI

North Dakota State

Richard E. Engvall (1955)

Robert Himmelberger (1970)

Joseph E. Mulligan (1971)

CHI

Auburn

Charles W. Baker (1962)

C. L. Jarrard (1959)

Joe L. Rawls (1955)

PSI

Wisconsin

Charles N. Ackley (1952)

OMEGA

Penn State

Walter G. Bilger, Jr. (1962)

William Fairchok (1947)

Gerald T. Karver (1945)

ALPHA GAMMA

Michigan

Andrew E. Graef (1952)

Robert I. Nielsen (1952)

ALPHA DELTA

Purdue

Geoffrey E. Farnsworth (1993)

ALPHA EPSILON

Stanford

Frederic B. Hasbrook (1950)

ALPHA ZETA

Rochester

Walter H. May (1943)

Jeffrey A. Stone, D.P.M. (1967)

ALPHA THETA

Dartmouth

Milton H. Kurtz (1948)

Robert L. Sundblad (1944)

ALPHA IOTA

Indiana

Kenneth G. Noble, Jr. (1982)

ALPHA KAPPA

West Virginia

Thomas G. Allen (1956)

Ronald L. Mortimer (1966)

Ward A. Sturm (1957)

ALPHA MU

Iowa State

John L. Guy (1950)

ALPHA XI

Delaware

Harry Cochran (1958)

ALPHA OMICRON

Washington State

Charles E. Gardner (1943)

John C. Hille (1948)

Hugh T. Jones (1953)

Kenneth L. Skaer (1953)

ALPHA PI

Minnesota

Erick W. Anderson (1947)

ALPHA RHO

Washington

Frederick W. Backlund (1946)

ALPHA SIGMA

Oregon

William T. Green (1949)

James M. Houck (1942)

ALPHA TAU

Ohio

Julius R. Bozman (1950)

Richard V. Whitehouse (1949)

H. R. Wismar, Jr. (1952)

ALPHA PHI

Alabama

Richard C. Corr, Jr. (1946)

Justice D. Smyth, III (1977)

ALPHA CHI

Syracuse

Donald A. Hubner (1951)

ALPHA PSI

Maryland

A. D. Burk (1953)

James E. Freeny (1934)

Maurice B. Lewis (1962)

Eugene M. Madeiros (1951)

ALPHA OMEGA

Lafayette

Louis J. Lyons (1958)

BETA ALPHA

UCLA

James S. Prichason (1973)

BETA GAMMA

North Dakota

Williard C. Rasmussen (1949)

BETA DELTA

Rutgers

Edward F. Reese (1957)

Richard W. Wackar (1949)

BETA THETA

Drexel

William M. Barnes (1950)

BETA IOTA

Arizona

Walter A. Frohn (1953)

George E. Henry (1945)

BETA LAMBDA

Akron

Kenneth R. Colling (1956)

Frank J. Jenkins, Jr. (1956)

Richard P. Rinaldo (1972)

BETA NU

Case Western

Constantine Audeh (1984)

Rolf E. Rylander (1949)

BETA XI

Birmingham-Southern

Eric J. Hughes (2000)

David W. Mason (1976)

BETA OMICRON

Cincinnati

David R. Kennett (1961)

Robert P. Usinger, Jr. (1951)

BETA PI

Monmouth

Laurence F. Benson (1952)

William G. Harvey (1949)

Samuel S. Maurice (1954)

BETA SIGMA

Lehigh

David C. Amidon, Jr.

Walter B. Ballenberger (1945)

Willard W. Dunham, Jr. (1941)

Edward R. Geiger (1964)

Henry P. George (1935)

Dennis O. Hazam (1963)

Walter R. Henkel (1965)

Robert E. Jones (1957)

John H. Kaltenthaler (1952)

Kenneth M. Kucharz (1964)

Spafford S. Lewis (1967)

Emil P. Loch (1968)

Joseph H. Mixner (1948)

Lewis F. Page (1944)

Hugh J. Silverman (1967)

Jerome D. Towe (1953)

BETA TAU

Southern California

Kenn W. Berkihiser (1950)

Henry L. Cahan (1943)

BETA UPSILON

Fresno State

Jack M. Putnam (1943)

William L. Whipple (1960)

BETA PSI

Presbyterian

Edwin K. Ashe (1952)

BETA OMEGA

Susquehanna

Dale S. Bringman (1946)

Larry G. Kerstetter (1964)

Thomas C. Maran (1967)

GAMMA DELTA

Florida Southern

Elbert L. Knight (1965)

GAMMA EPSILON

Western State

James P. Englehart (1954)

GAMMA ZETA

Oklahoma State

Fred N. Gauger (1955)

Bernard R. Gervais (1951)

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GAMMA ETA

Bucknell
William E. Reid, Jr. (1965)

GAMMA THETA

San Diego State
Oren Harari (1970)
Fred L. Maxwell (1962)

GAMMA IOTA

Connecticut
Mark L. Feeney, Jr. (1952)
John J. Mullins, Jr. (1956)
Justus E. Sherwood (1964)

GAMMA KAPPA

Miami (OH)
George A. Nash, Jr. (1953)

GAMMA LAMBDA

Denver
William M. Sunday (1950)

GAMMA MU

Bowling Green
*Dr. Robert L. Smith (1956)

GAMMA NU

New Mexico State
James L. Ivey (1953)
Stuart F. Wageman (1977)

GAMMA XI

San Jose State
Lynn A. Brittan (1946)

GAMMA OMICRON

Wake Forest
William C. Waynick (1962)

GAMMA PI

Buffalo
Paul H. Will (1954)

GAMMA RHO

Florida State
Edward H. Criser (1983)
Travis H. Ross (1958)
Robert E. Scarbrough (1956)
Kenyon B. Segner, III (1957)
Richard E. Sigler (1970)

GAMMA UPSILON

Bradley
Harold P. Benoit (1964)
Louis H. Deardorff (1958)
Richard W. Killmer (1960)
Theodore J. Saal (1961)
Robert E. Wall (1958)

GAMMA PHI

Nebraska Wesleyan
Jeffrey A. Ahlers (1989)

GAMMA CHI

Randolph-Macon
James A. Gore, Jr. (1953)

GAMMA PSI

Puget Sound
Lawrence McKulla, Jr. (1970)
Kenneth M. Walker (1943)

DELTA ALPHA

Linfield
David M. Beeson (1997)

DELTA BETA

Georgia
Roscoe E. Dean, Jr. (1958)
Howard S. Wilson (1976)

DELTA GAMMA

WV Wesleyan
Stephen J. Keoseian (1953)

EPSILON

Miami (FL)
Frank D. Calistro (1950)
Richard S. Faletto (1952)

ZETA

Nebraska-Omaha
Leland C. Albertson, Jr. (1956)
Joseph M. Botsford (1978)

DELTA ETA

Colorado State
Dennis J. Frydendall (1954)
Delbert W. Kindschi (1952)
Ronald J. McKenzie (1958)

DELTA THETA

Toledo
Col. O. "Dutch" F. Beckhoff (1956)
Richard A. Reinlein (1955)

DELTA IOTA

Northwestern
Gary B. Braasch (1966)
Kurt Weissheimer, Jr. (1954)

DELTA KAPPA

Ball State
Thomas W. Brock (1953)
Robert B. Bullock (1955)
Robert L. Gayle (1956)
Robert Gruszka (1960)
Robert L. Jurgenson (1961)
William O. Mossburg (1951)
Kenneth D. Neff (1953)
Jack M. Stanton (1961)

DELTA NU

Vermont
Robert L. Sturk (1952)

DELTA PI

Indiana State
Frank M. Gerulski (1982)
Matthew C. Luecking (1995)

DELTA RHO

NC State
Robert K. Fisher (1966)
Everette E. Shaver, Jr. (1968)

DELTA SIGMA

Clarkson
Frank A. Westburg (1953)

DELTA UPSILON

Arizona State
Thomas J. Guest (1961)

A Can of Gasoline, a Lit Match, and Leadership: Remembering James S. Prichason (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1973)

October 31, 1946–October 30, 2016

BY: WILLIAM W. PALMER (BETA ALPHA/UCLA 1985), CO-AUTHORED WITH HIS SON, WILLIAM R. PALMER



The amazing story passed around the Theta Chi campfire at UCLA was how a single brother once saved the entire chapter during the early 1970s. In the Vietnam Era of the day, anti-establishment sentiment raged on college campuses around the country and fraternities were no longer in favor and considered by many to be a thing of the past. Fraternity chapters at UCLA closed. Beta Alpha Chapter was no exception, dwindling to one final member. The liabilities of a single member chapter outweighed the benefits. It was then that the final brother, Jim Prichason, had a picture of himself taken using an

old-fashioned instamatic Polaroid Camera. The photograph

depicted Jim, with the long black hair and mustache that were typical back then, standing on the brick steps of the Beta Alpha Chapter House, holding a can of gasoline in one hand and a lit match in the other. Jim wrote "If you sell this house, I will burn it down!" at the bottom before sending it on to Theta Chi's Executive Office, then-located in Trenton, NJ.

As with many funny fraternity stories we hear, the truth may be very different and, in this case, belied all of Jim's hard work. Jim didn't stop with a Polaroid picture; instead, he drove from California across the United States in a beat-up tan Volvo, in the middle of summer without air-conditioning, to an uncertain reception at the 114th Anniversary Convention in Biloxi, MS. With his hat in his hand, Jim presented Beta Alpha's case to the Grand Chapter and then-Executive Director Howard Alter and then-Assistant to the Executive Director Dale Slivinske. Slivinske traveled to UCLA and Jim convinced him that the chapter and its house were worth saving. Jim next drove to Palm Springs, CA for a meeting of the National Board of Trustees (NBT, precursor to the Norwich Housing Corporation). Jim asked the NBT to intercede and to help restructure the private bank loan on the Beta Alpha property that was in default. According to Past International President Dave DeVol (who was present at the NBT meeting as a representative of the Grand Chapter), "That guy drove us nuts, but he somehow convinced the NBT to step in and he then completed all the paperwork."

Jim single-handedly served every function of the chapter's executive council and, with two new recruits, went on to rush roughly 20 brothers back into the chapter. More importantly, Jim properly initiated each man according to the Ritual of Theta Chi and the principles of our Creed. Beta Alpha Chapter continued to grow to 110 members by the 1980s. Jim went on to law school and a successful career as a San Francisco attorney, until a two-and-a-half year fight with cancer finally took his life. Over the four decades since his graduation, Jim attended many Theta Chi functions but was not boastful; he rarely appeared at events as a speaker or to accept accolades. He was a man who did not demand thanks—(though he earned it). Rather, he stood quietly in the back of the room. When Jim was very sick, he expressed gratitude for the unsolicited contributions from his chapter brothers that flooded in to help him with unanticipated medical costs.

So, it's not a campfire story, but a heroic tale about a great, humble man, who answered the call, "Stand up and Lead." And it's fair to say that there is a little bit of Jim's humility, sense of values, and integrity in every one of the roughly 700 men who thereafter followed him out the door at 663 Gayley—a door that has never closed at UCLA because of Brother Jim Prichason.



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DELTA PSI

Kansas
Joseph B. Exposito (2016)

DELTA OMEGA

Ripon
Geoffrey A. Langley (1976)

EPSILON DELTA

Youngstown State
Jesse H. Hall, VI (1964)

EPSILON OMICRON

Waynesburg
Stephen W. Trout (1974)

EPSILON PI

Northern Illinois
James L. Jezierski (1969)
Eugene H. Latz (1959)

EPSILON SIGMA

Wagner
Michael S. Sheier (1962)

EPSILON PHI

Central Missouri
Jeffrey M. French (1991)

ZETA ALPHA

Slippery Rock
Robert R. Jackson (1964)
Robert W. Kinney (1990)

ZETA BETA

Adrian
Gerald Bonneville, Jr. (1952)
James A. Ringer (1969)

ZETA DELTA

St. Cloud State
Donald F. Schrom (1966)

ZETA KAPPA

Ohio Northern
Ronald E. Roll (1967)
Joe L. Traucht (1970)

ZETA PI

Old Dominion
Glenn R. Thomas (1973)

ZETA SIGMA

Wisconsin-River Falls
Guy F. Bartolain (1969)

ZETA PSI

Western Illinois
Chauncey D. Whelchel (1979)

ETA BETA

Eastern Kentucky
Daniel P. Marlow (1996)

ETA ZETA

Edinboro
John K. Steele (1974)

ETA KAPPA

James Madison
Robert R. Nicol (1982)
Gary E. Watson (1971)

ETA LAMBDA

Virginia Tech
John C. Reid (1991)
Robert W. Riggan (1972)

ETA SIGMA

Arkansas Tech
John C. Burnett (1975)

ETA PSI

UAB
John S. Acton (1991)

ETA OMEGA

Chico State
Owen A. Euser (2016)

THETA LAMBDA

Bloomsburg
James J. Caiazzo (1993)

IOTA NU

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