



TDX SONG PROJECT

2020

PROJECT PURPOSE:

-Songs of Theta Delta Chi: tutorial & accompaniment

Ever since the formation of the Xi Deuteron Charge, the brothers of the house have always found joy in banding together to sing songs that perpetuate and strengthen our fraternal bonds of brotherhood. In the past, all new members, along with active brothers, practiced singing multiple times a week. Not only did they just learn the songs, but they sang them at meals, brotherhood events, and even in public for serenading sororities before social gatherings. During the 1960s, the brothers would form a fraternity choir and participate in Songfest every year. This tradition of singing Fraternity songs as a brotherhood prevailed through the end of the 20th century, but times have definitely changed.

Throughout recent years, the passion for singing such songs has not just dwindled at the local level, but also at the international level as well, and only a few Fraternity songs still remain in continual use. In the past, it was very common for men to sing together, and many people knew how to play the piano to provide a musical accompaniment. Today, men usually only sing if they are in a choir, or are repeating a song they hear on the radio. Due to these changes, many Charges of Theta Delta Chi have lost this musical knowledge.

The goal of this project was to create a resource that provides an easy method for brothers to learn the songs of our Fraternity. It can be a difficult and tedious process to get a group of men to learn our songs, especially if the goal is to sound in-tune, since teaching by ear rarely leads to uniform success within the brotherhood. This project was developed to help brothers learn our songs. No longer will each Charge have to find a brother who has musical knowledge in order to teach the songs by piano & voice alone. Now, all a brother needs to do is click on the links below (YouTube video or Muscoresheet), and follow along with the melody. This will help to standardize the singing of these songs. In general, learning these songs during the process of New Member Education is optimal. Having a main recording of each song will lead to universal knowledge, and will allow brothers of different Charges to sing in a unified manner when they come together. Since the process of learning the songs has now been expedited, it is hoped that all Charges will spend time practicing and rehearsing the music of our beloved Fraternity.

Coming together to sing not only creates a sense of harmony within the brotherhood, but it allows men to display their love and dedication to the Fraternity. Between all six editions of the Official Theta Delta Chi Songbook, there are well over 60 unique and interesting songs regarding our Fraternity. In the most recent edition, only 19 songs are found in the pages; of those 19, only 5 remain in common use and relevant to the culture of our Fraternity:

MAIN SONGS OF THETA DELTA CHI (2020)

-*Invocation* (Opening Meetings/Events)



- Stars Ablaze* (Founders Day, Convention, Formal Events, etc)
- Dream Girl of Theta Delta Chi* (Sung at the wedding of a Brother)
- Joyful We Greet You* (Initiation Ritual, Omega Service)
- Doxology* (Closing Meetings/Events)

Each and every one of these five songs has a sacred purpose to our Fraternity, and a deep meaning for the brothers that are bonded together in the name of Theta Delta Chi. It was my desire that every brother will take the time to learn these songs, so that we will sing them loud and proud at every occasion that involves a fellow Theta Delt!

To the Old Lady!!!

-Brandon Michael Cain, Xi Deuteron '22

MEDIA LINKS

-Invocation:

*<https://youtu.be/n2diqKBWuGQ> [YouTube]

*https://musescore.com/user/29875262/scores/6456115?share=copy_link [Musescore]

-Stars Ablaze:

*<https://youtu.be/CvfycZNM9E> [YouTube]

*https://musescore.com/user/29875262/scores/6456118?share=copy_link [Musescore]

-Dream Girl of Theta Delta Chi:

*<https://youtu.be/YCfZrFdgvuA> [YouTube]

*https://musescore.com/user/29875262/scores/6479894?share=copy_link [Musescore]

-Joyful We Greet You:

*<https://youtu.be/ebVdVJ3bO54> [YouTube]

*https://musescore.com/user/29875262/scores/6479917?share=copy_link [Musescore]

-Doxology:

*<https://youtu.be/-tMzvZrXC-0> [YouTube]

*https://musescore.com/user/29875262/scores/6479925?share=copy_link [Musescore]

-YOUTUBE PLAYLIST:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrgeLvkmH4_hwXZzxvHjFCbmzGqBOsULA

-MUESCORE PROFILE

https://musescore.com/brandoncain?share=copy_link