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From the Desk of the Executive Director

The Founder's Corporation continues to serve as the Grand Lodge's resource and offers small loans to existing houses that have a short term need that needs to be covered. Their endowment is growing slowly, but it needs to grow so they can begin doing more than they can do now. All brothers, undergraduates and alumni, are eligible to be part of the Founders Corp. through a one-time payment of \$250. Please consider becoming a member. It offers an opportunity to learn more about our fraternity and make a difference for our Charges.

The Educational Foundation owns the CFO at 214 Lewis Wharf and oversees the main endowment. As part of its responsibility to us, it recently completed a cataloging of all our archival materials through the efforts of Bill McClung. We now have a digital catalogue of that material available to all brothers. One thing of interest that was found, is the Charge minutes from Alpha beginning in 1848, soon after our founding. It has provided an insight into who and what we are that was thought lost. Dr. McClung is now in the process of working with the CFO staff to build an internal WIKI with links to the archival material of our history. It promises to become a go-to resource for those who want to know more about our history.

The Foundation provides grants and scholarships to the Grand Lodge and individual Charges to cover educational programming. Through the generosity of our donors, \$16,000 was granted to the Lodge for its annual Preamble Institute, PI, which celebrated its 11th anniversary this year. That covered most of PIs costs, but more can be done going forward. It brings together a rising member of each Charge for a weekend of in-depth learning about who

we are and how we can make a difference on our campuses. It has begun to be a model for other fraternities to follow as well. By understanding our values and what's expected of us, we have seen a dramatic shift in the response of our Charges to "Nationals" when we visit and call.

The Foundation also runs our VG (Voluntary Graduate) Dues campaign which provides a major source of our funding. We are on pace to set a record of over \$180,000 for this fiscal year (the calendar year of 2016 showed income of almost \$182,000 and has been a good predictor of the fiscal year). We've set an aggressive goal of \$210,000 for next fiscal year. It will require the generosity of many to accomplish. See Patrick's articles about Charitos and VG dues elsewhere in this issue for more details.

Looking ahead, we will celebrate our 175th anniversary in 2022. I'd like to see us run a capital campaign around that anniversary to increase our endowment and make more funds available for the Fraternity and our host institutions.

As I told my Charge brothers in December, if any of them had told me that I'd one day be in this position, we would have laughed and sent someone to R-Wing (the psychiatric wing at Strong Memorial Hospital). I am truly humbled to be in this position and to serve all of you. I look forward to meeting many more of you at this year's Convention in Philadelphia. Please join us from August 10-12 as we renew our social bonds and accomplish the work of the Fraternity. We've packed a lot into the few days we'll have there, but the opportunity to see old friends and make new ones is a big part of our bond as brothers. I hope to see you there.

It's hard to believe that I've been in Boston as the Executive Director since last July. I want to thank Rick Wood and Bill McClung for all that they did as my predecessors because the "Old Lady" is strong and looking to the future. That wouldn't have been possible without their tireless efforts and the commitment from numerous alumni and undergraduates.

The Grand Lodge has a strategic plan in place and we spent the first weekend of March reviewing and revising it to keep us moving forward and challenging us to grow. We currently have 29 active Charges and one colony, Rho Triton at VCU. Due to some issues on their campus, they were closed about 8 years ago. Through the efforts of a determined and loyal alumni base, we now have a core group of 13 colonists. Coincidentally, next year's Convention will be held in Richmond. The initial plans call for us to initiate the colony at Convention and have all brothers in attendance participate in the ceremonies. We'll follow that up with a ReCharge workshop that provides current members with a better understanding of our Rituals and the values that are an integral part of who we are.

In February, we chartered the Psi Tetraton Charge at the University of Arizona in Tucson. They have already shown themselves as worthy brothers in the Theta Delta Chi. They've recently been told that their new member education process will serve as the basis for the University and the IFC to rewrite all fraternity new member programs on their campus. They've set a high bar for themselves, but their actions and character show that they are capable of great things.

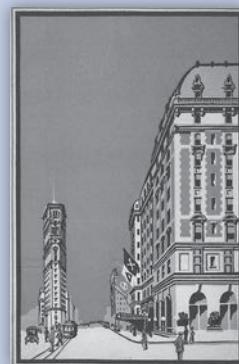
Not to be outdone, our brothers at Arizona State University got together in March to honor two of our alumni for their service to the ASU community and their local communities. More about this gala affair appears in this edition. Arizona has given the Old Lady much to be proud of and sets a standard for the rest of us to move beyond.

From The Archives

In November 2016, a project funded by the Educational Foundation to inventory its huge but unorganized collection of archival materials, including books, documents, photographs, and artifacts of many descriptions, concluded with the successful digital cataloging of several thousand items.

Now former Executive Director Bill McClung, Iota Deuteron '66, and the CFO staff have again teamed up to translate this vast collection into a Wiki project that will link the items together in a visual and written narrative covering the history of Theta Delta Chi.

A sample of the heretofore hidden treasures of the CFO Archives is this cover of the 1914 Convention promotion brochure, showing the Hotel Astor in Times Square displaying our flag.





Founders' Day 2017

ASU Alumni



ASU Founders' Day

Celebrating the Southwest

The desert landscape is a rustic overture of sandy plains and mountain ranges that provide shaded relief from the intense heat. If appearances were everything, it would not immediately convey an image of growth and rebirth. Yet in recent months that is exactly what the southwest region of Arizona has come to represent for Theta Deltas everywhere. In many ways it is the new epicenter of Minerva.

On the evening of March 15, a special event was held at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe to recognize Jack Furst E[†] '81 and Michael Burns E[†] '80 who were to be honored by the Arizona State community the next day as Philanthropist and Alumnus of the Year, respectively. Organized by fellow Charge brother Tom Gardner E[†] '82, attendees included several ASU administrators from the alumni office along with the athletic department, including the VP of Athletics and Head Football Coach. Over 70 people were present including numerous Epsilon Tritons from four decades and other Greek alumni/ae. Tom served as emcee for the event which began with a humorous lesson on the "Boxer Rebellion" tradition of E[†] socials [historical caveat: it had nothing to do with the actual Chinese uprising of 1900]. After remarks were made by administrators from the ASU Alumni Association and Athletic Department, Kurt Brueckner E[†] '77 offered a personal reflection having been Burns' big brother and presented each of them with a custom Theta Delta Chi

hoodie with their respective nicknames on the back. The crowd was then treated to an exclusive overview of the Sun Devil Stadium 365 project which is projected to widen its functionality by creating a multipurpose facility for events around the year. Brothers and their family and friends continued the celebration into the night but before leaving they were presented with a customized archival booklet highlighting numerous pictures and letters from Epsilon Triton's storied legacy in Tempe. One of the more unique items was the original petition of the "Desert Deut" Colony, the first group of undergraduates authorized and created to seek a charter by the 112th Convention in 1959.

The following evening was the culminating celebration honoring the accomplishments of Michael Burns and Jack Furst at the Founders' Day event held at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel, "The Jewel of the Desert," to a record-breaking audience. The emcee for the event was Ted Simons, host and managing editor for Arizona Horizon at Arizona PBS. Before introducing the alumni awards, he asked if there were any brothers of Theta Delta Chi in the crowd which was met with raucous applause from four tables of alumni, undergraduates, and their families. The opening video montage introducing "Burnsie" and "Dallas" spoke to the unique factors that brought Michael and Jack together at ASU in the late 70's but also to the friendship that sustained their early careers on the east

coast. As Alumnus of the Year, recognized for his business acumen and global expansion of the Lionsgate industry, Michael spoke first.

When Michael became vice chairman of Lionsgate in 2000, he worked to build the company into a \$6 billion operation which has grown into a diverse global content platform. In addition to his leadership of Lionsgate's corporate management, he has served a key role in acquiring, producing, and distributing such films as the Academy Award-winning Best Picture "Crash," the Academy Award-winning "Monster's Ball" and the Oscar-nominated "Precious." The video played before his acceptance speech at the banquet included congratulatory remarks by the likes of Jennifer Lawrence, Kevin Spacey, Ryan Reynolds, Scarlett Johansson, and J.J. Abrams, among others. His address underscored his gratitude for his family, Jack's commitment to philanthropy, and his advice for those building careers in film and new media.

Jack has distinguished himself as a private equity investor becoming a founding partner of Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst, Incorporated which specialized in investments in companies serving the energy, manufacturing and media sectors. In 2003 he endowed the Jack D. Furst Professor of Finance and sponsored the Furst Honors Scholarship for an undergraduate honors student completing a thesis in private equity financing. Five years later, he launched Oak Stream Investors which manages numerous investments

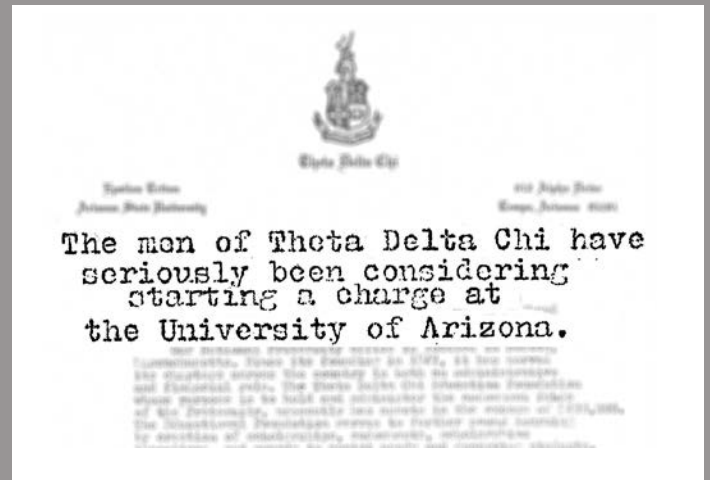
in real estate, venture and public/private equities. His introductory video addressed his latest work with the Sun Devil Stadium 365 project which has raised over \$80 million to date. The project reflects what Jack aptly called a “relational asset” recognizing the way a physical structure can be transformed to meet the growing needs of the greater community in Tempe. By redefining what we mean by space, we begin to see the network of relationships that lie at the center of any university setting. As the project enters the last phase of completion, he noted that there is still much work to be done and enthusiasm to maintain.

The momentous evening closed with remarks from ASU’s President Dr. Michael Crow who gave a robust overview of the metrics that support the university’s place of prominence in global innovation, research, and faculty scholarship, among other accolades. The close of the night’s festivities ended when over twenty Theta Deltas from four decades gathered on the stage to toast the “Old Lady,” renew the bonds between alumni and undergraduates, and capture the palpable energy of the night. Together with the chartering of Psi Tetraton at the University of Arizona, the desert landscape is experiencing a renaissance of sorts. The presence of two strong Charges and the invigoration of local alumni all led to a true celebration of the southwest and a confident future for Theta Delta Chi.



40 YEARS

in the Making



In a letter found in our archives at the CFO (circa 1977), then Charge President Kurt Brueckner E' '77 made a prescient inquiry about the possibility of starting a colony at the University of Arizona. At that time there were a few Theta Deltas pursuing graduate studies at the school and the letter addressed the possibility of creating a natural fraternal bridge between the two Pac-12 adversaries. While we may never know why it did not come to fruition then, we do know that the Psi Tetraton colony at the University of Arizona was officially chartered earlier this year making good on an idea forty years in the making.

Reflections

In the fall of '79, rush week at Arizona State University wasn't the first thing on my mind. After leaving a summer job, roughnecking in Wyoming and looking forward to starting classes at a major university were the top two issues in my life. Greek life hadn't been introduced to me and certainly wasn't understood. Instead it was sort of just in the way, bridging the past to the future.

Pledging Theta Delta Chi changed all that. Meeting Michael Burns and Jack Furst, the leaders of Epsilon Triton who pledged me, came with what turned out to be lifelong implications. Many things we encounter come with some sort of expectation but joining a fraternity—and in fact this fraternity—was an inexplicably pleasant surprise. And that surprise is ongoing while the bridge has become a lifestyle.

Michael and Jack were honored this year by Arizona State University at its Founders Day celebration as Alumnus and Philanthropist of

the Year, respectively. These are the two largest annual honors which can be conferred by ASU. The fact they went to two Greek members, brothers in the same fraternity and of the same genre and notable lineage (Mike was Jack's big brother as well as mine), is nothing short of remarkable.

The positive influence these two men had on those around them in college is eclipsed only by a similar influence they wield today. And to think it all started for them as teenagers in Theta Delta Chi so many years ago: a chance to hone leadership and interpersonal skills which carried forward and underpinned success for a lifetime. The value of the Greek system and brotherhood itself cannot be overstated. These two fine gentlemen are a shining example of all that is good about Theta Delta Chi!

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Anyone Can Raise Money

"Is philanthropy different than fundraising?"



A few months ago I presented at a national conference for those involved with annual giving and development work in Greek organizations and I posed this very question to those in attendance. It is a deceptively simple inquiry that doesn't necessarily have a direct answer. This past October 31st on our 169th Founders Day we held a Day of Giving to support our leadership and educational programs. Our goal was rather ambitious in attempting to raise \$20,000 in one day. To say we met

our goal would be an understatement. When everything was over we raised just over \$25,000 from 150 alumni, 25 undergraduates, 5 alumni associations, and 3 friends of Theta Delta Chi! Harnessing power of social media and word of mouth advertising, we succeeded at fundraising but it was the philanthropy that was the underlying goal. Those funds helped to support 48 brothers from our Charges to attend the annual Preamble Institute, our premiere leadership conference focusing on our ritual and core values. This was the event that demonstrated the love for our brotherhood as it has for so many over the past eleven years. It also served as another experience of the gratitude and humility that finds me in my everyday work.

Fundraising in the strictest sense of the term is simply raising money. There's nothing inherently wrong with that but it is always a means to an end, a way to achieve a particular goal with a given timeline. That ultimate end is the Theta Delta Chi undergraduate experience and ensuring that it is infused with leadership opportunities, financial support, and social networking, among other benefits. Only then does it become philanthropy when the bond of friendship permeates and invigorates our lives. At the close of our meetings, my Charge brothers and I would close with a brief reflection followed by the phrase, "I love this fraternity." I recognize that the word love is a loaded one in the English language because of its numerous connotations. We use it to refer to hobbies, food, and relationships—all in the same conversation sometimes. But when we use love to speak about the multitude of relationships in the various intersections of our personal and professional lives, we can consider it for all its beautiful complexity. We have seen it in the relationships built on campuses across the country and in how our Charges have responded to difficult situations. As a values-added organization we are continually striving to improve our own benchmarks for success and your support is paramount in this endeavor. The gift you make, no matter the size, has an immediate impact on the services we provide to undergraduates and alumni while allowing you to honor your own time in college. You do not make a gift to the Educational Foundation; you give through us. Our goal is to support and renew the bonds that make your relationships flourish. As a third-generation Theta Delt going back 125 years, I've never been able to distinguish between family and fraternity. I hope you feel a similar connection.

The philosopher Ludwig Feuerbach once remarked that "passion is the hallmark of existence." The passion that sharpens our minds and invigorates our hearts is a powerful reminder for us to recall those relationships that formed who we are today. That's not meant to be empty rhetoric but rather a call to discernment. This became profoundly clear to me this past March while listening to Jack Furst's (E'81) acceptance speech at Arizona State when he referred to the Sun Devil Stadium renovation plan as a "relational asset." For me, it was a profound way of personalizing something that is typically seen as an

abstract commodity. For those housed Charges, your address is such a commodity requiring continual financial investments. Yet it is only in how we reach out beyond our local address, school, community, and region that we begin to witness the value in fostering the relationships that allow these assets to flourish. Anyone can raise money, but only brothers know the true meaning of philanthropy!

I hope to see many of you at our 170th Convention from August 10-12 in Philadelphia. Even if you are unable to attend, you can still support the leadership and educational programming that is central to our mission by texting **TDX170 to 41444**. This convenient option allows you to make a pledge to the Educational Foundation which serves to underwrite the costs associated with this annual event celebrating the "Old Lady." Because of you, we can confidently look forward to another 170 years of brotherhood!

In the Bonds,
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Minerva smiled down on The University of Arizona, in Tucson, Saturday, February 11, 2017 as representatives of the Central Fraternity Office and the Grand Lodge initiated our newest members into the Psi Tetraton Charge. The weekend featured the initiation of almost forty men and was presided over by Executive Director, Peter Niche, Chi '78, 58th PGL. Assisting in this historic event were Director of Development Patrick Tiernan, Chi Triton '99; Director of Charge Operations John Lowry, Theta Triton '13; and Charge Consultant Derek Clune, Theta Triton '14. The members of the Embassy were Dr. Richard Wood, Gamma Triton '73, Dr. Ron Hammer, Delta Deuteron '74 and Aaron Garcia, Psi Dueteron '17.

Brother Garcia is the current Treasurer of the Grand Lodge while Brother Hammer has served as the Colony's alumni advisor. As alumni advisor, Bro. Hammer was instrumental in assisting the fledgling colony through the administrative maze at the University and has provided invaluable guidance and support throughout the entire process. Dr. Wood was the Executive Director when the interest group at The University of Arizona petitioned to the Grand Lodge for Colony status, he also presented to the University for campus recognition.

The Marriott Tucson University Park Hotel was the venue for Saturday evening's Chartering Banquet. Ninety brothers and guests participated in the banquet which featured an address by the Charge President, Jack Shafter, Psi Tetraton '18. During his address, he thanked his predecessors Jesse Lee for shepherding the Colony through the process to get them to this point and Julian Palmer for his commitment to getting the group originally established and his ongoing encouragement and hard work. Brother Niche's remarks focused on the historic nature of the event and helped to create a vision for the future of the Charge.

At the conclusion of the evening, many of the newly initiated brothers and attendees went out to continue celebrating this event.

The weekend event continued the next day, Sunday, February 12, with a workshop for all members of the Charge focusing on the values of the organization and a close examination of the Ritual and symbols that bind us all together. Everyone in attendance agreed that the weekend had been successful and very memorable and that they looked forward to a bright future for the Psi Tetraton Charge.

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This past year has seen alumni programming expand throughout the country with events held in 12 states bringing together brothers from over 25 different Charges! Events ranged from premium tickets to a Nationals baseball game to a private tour and reception at Harpoon Brewery in Boston to an exclusive all-day college football reception in Chicago. There were also numerous informal dinners hosted as well renewing friendships in cities that do not have a local Charge or alumni association such as Atlanta, Dallas, and Portland.

An impressive 60% of our total VG Dues contributions last year came from the continued support of our Charitos Society members. These gifts help to support a myriad of programs and initiatives such as the Preamble Institute and grants that support Charge programs with our philanthropic partner Autism Speaks.

The Charitos Society is the leadership annual giving program of Voluntary Graduate Dues which represents our annual fund. By renewing your gift annually, you allow the CFO to have consistent and reliable revenue that is essential to our non-profit organization.

Brothers who are less than ten years removed from graduation are recognized by giving \$18.47 monthly (\$221.64 annually) while those more than ten years give \$50 monthly (\$600 annually) to be recognized as current members. Membership includes invitations to various social and professional networking events throughout the year including the annual Convention reception, special mailings, and recognition in The Shield, among other benefits. If you are interested in hosting an event in your area or in becoming a member of the Charitos Society, contact Director of Development Patrick Tiernan at ptiernan@tdx.org or call at 800-999-1847, ext. 1.

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There is an exclusive group of brothers who are Charitos Society members and give well beyond the recommended level of giving. This past year, the cumulative giving of 14 brothers represented 23% of our total VG Dues contributions for last year! These men are part of an elite group of donors known as the Aegis Guild. Recognition is reserved for those who give gifts of \$1847 or more annually. In Greek mythology, the Aegis was the shield of Minerva given to Perseus to defeat Medusa and is often referenced as both a mirror and bronze shield. In medieval times, guilds were often associations of merchants and embodied the ideals of their craft by serving as leaders. Combined together, the Aegis Guild represents an appropriate designation for those who reflect our ideals while serving as model stewards in the highest degree. Members will receive special recognition at Convention and are invited to an exclusive event honoring their contributions.

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A look back at

PHILADELPHIA CONVENTIONS

The upcoming 170th Convention (August 10-12th, 2017) will be the fifth in the city of Philadelphia. The previous four Conventions were the 24th, 72nd, 79th, and 139th in 1871, 1919, 1926, and 1986 respectively.

The 72nd "Victory" Convention

Marking the second Convention hosted in Philadelphia, the "Victory" Convention was a celebration of both fraternal bonds and the triumph of freedom in WWI. Hosting more than 300 Thetes, the Cradle of Liberty was the perfect spot to host the 1919 Convention, the first since the Boston Convention in 1916.

The convention was filled with business due to the three-year lapse between meetings. The highlight of business came during the fourth business session when the "Colonials" from Iowa State University were heard. The Convention granted their colony status and Beta Deuteron Charge was chartered later that year on Dec. 13th 1919.

Another highlight was the Commemoration Service at Arch Street Presbyterian Church. This service was special because it honored those who gave their lives in WWI and the last of the Founders, Andrew H. Green. The Convention banquet was described as "a fitting climax" to the end of the convention. It was filled with songs and cheer full of life and enthusiasm for the Old Lady.

The 79th "Sesquicentennial" Convention

The third-time Philadelphia played host to our beloved Fraternity, the 1926 Convention was a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. What better place than Philadelphia for this momentous occasion. The Convention began with a brief address from President of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Penniman, praising the great work and importance of fraternities in America.

On the Convention floor, delegates approved an official questionnaire and a unified ranking system to determine the winners of the Victory Cup. This standardized system helped create the framework to choose the best Charge in Theta Delta Chi.

The Convention banquet was a riveting occasion. The two highlights came from brothers Rastus Norris Chi Deuteron '03 (George Washington University) and Norm Hacket Gamma Deuteron '98 (University of

Michigan). Bro. Norris orated a complete retelling of the "Hank the Hermit" story as he experienced it first-hand. Bro. Hackett gave a spellbound unveiling of the original Alpha Chair. The combination of these two surprises and the spirit of independence made this Convention one to remember.

The 139th Convention

The last time we were in Philadelphia the Grand Banquet had 315 attendees. This number was made up of a combination of Brothers and their guests, Sigma Triton (Penn State) had over 30 brothers present!

The President of the Grand Lodge was Joseph Pisano Chi '82 (Rochester), as the 53rd PGL he held office for two terms and oversaw the 109th and 110th Grand Lodges. Brother Pisano's first involvement of the board was as the Graduate Secretary of the 107th Grand Lodge.

Brother Pisano presented the Theta Delt of the Year award to his fellow Charge brother, Charles Rumrill '22. Brother Rumrill was the editor of the Shield in 1926, which was the last time Theta Delta Chi held a Convention in Philadelphia!

Brother Pisano was also led a large portion of the Convention programming. He was the Assistant Dean and Fraternal Affairs Advisor at Stanford University. Along with two other speakers, Brother Pisano addressed growing concerns with Greek societies on campus. He spoke about six principals that are critical for survival on campus: Align values and goals with the University, anonymity is our enemy, be good citizens, act with integrity, keep alumni involved, and think before you act. All speakers addressed the growing concerns of Colleges and Universities around the country. One of Brother Pisano's asks of his fellow brothers was to "Reread the constitution and ritual and measure yourself against the standards they set" as well as to "think very carefully about what we are and what we aspire to be". Brother Pisano's talk still remains just as relevant 30 years later as Theta Delt's continue to focus on a return to the ritual, being value added, and creating strong partnerships with their host institutions and communities.



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Brothers of Theta Delta Chi, their families and friends will converge on Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, August 10th-12th (Thursday through Saturday) for our 170th Annual Convention. The **Double Tree Hotel**, located in the Center City area, will be our Convention Headquarters. A busy calendar will see social and educational events on Thursday, August 10th, with the annual golf outing in the morning and educational sessions in the afternoon. The day will conclude with a visit to Citizens Bank Park where the Phillies will host the Mets for a 7:05pm game. Thursday will also be an opportunity for spouses and partners to get together and enjoy everything the city has to offer in the way of shopping, great food, terrific museums and vibrant architecture. Friday will see a keynote address at our first business session, a first for our conventions followed by the Omega Service in the afternoon along with a visit to Constitution Hall and the Liberty Bell Center for everyone to soak in some of America's early history.

Full registration will include snacks during the Thursday educational sessions, the welcome reception Thursday evening, the Phillies game and the Grand Banquet on Saturday, August 12. Friday evening has

been left open for Convention attendees to take advantage of some of Philadelphia's many attractions as well as attending the annual Charitos Society reception.

Business sessions are scheduled for Friday and Saturday mornings, with the election and installation of a new Grand Lodge along with consideration of legislation. The Founders' Corporation and Educational Foundation will also have their annual meetings on Friday morning and Saturday afternoons respectively.

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We have a special convention rate of \$149/night with reservations made by July 10, 2017. The special rate is available 3 days prior to and after Convention for those who would like to spend a little more time in the area.

Visit <http://tdxconvention.org/> for registration information.

Omega Notice

Lynn D. Timmerman, Beta '42

Lynn was a member of Beta Charge from 1938 to 1942, where he was President his senior year. Lynn served in WWII, primarily as production officer at the Curtiss-Wright Army Aircraft Modification Center in Buffalo, NY.

Lynn ran a Ford dealership in Lima, OH where he grew up until retirement. Lynn loved to play golf and to fly. He was rated for Single Engine, Multi Engine, Glider and Instruments. He loved life and Theta Delta Chi. He had a good, long life!

He is survived by two sons and a daughter, as well as 5 grandchildren.
- William Timmerman

Ted Thompson, Sigma Deuteron '59

Brothers, It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I pass on the news that Brother Thayer "Ted" Thompson passed away recently in Sedalia, Missouri. Ted was a proud Theta Delt, and a major part of our fraternity. Ted wrote a few books about TDX at Wisconsin, and he was a big part of keeping Sigma Deuteron alive when we were really struggling.

He is survived by his wife Connie and three children: Christopher Marshall (Mary), Jonathan Marshall (Rena), and Jennifer Marshall; four grandsons; one granddaughter; one great-grand daughter; and a sister Karen Kloepping (Roger).

He will be greatly missed.
- Patrick Loureiro
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