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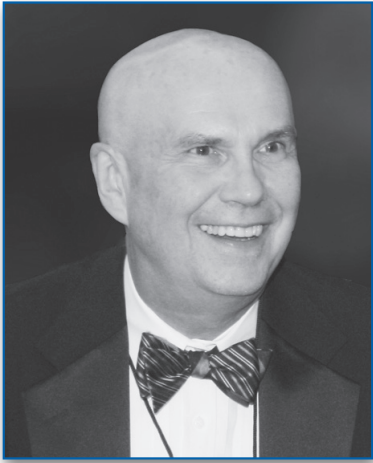
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From the Desk of the Executive Director



In this issue of *the Shield* we recognize Brother Bruce Trefz, Gamma Deuteron '68 one of our alumni who has made a difference in the world and is a proud member of our Fraternity. He is a man who lives the values of Theta Delta Chi and still believes in his life-long commitment to the Old Lady. This issue also honors all of our donors and volunteers. Without these dedicated brothers, the Fraternity would not be able to function. We acknowledge these men who see their membership in the Fraternity as a lifelong commitment.

I would like to thank Brother Eric Kelley, Sigma Triton '04 for his tireless work on behalf of the Fraternity. He joined staff in 2004 as a Charge Consultant, became the 63rd PGL and then was employed as the Director of Development for the Educational Foundation. He has taken employment with an executive staffing company and will be sorely missed. Many of you know Eric from his correspondence with you in arranging Charitos events or in soliciting donations for our scholarship and grants programs. Eric is succeeded by Patrick Tiernan, Chi Triton '99 (Merrimack), as our new Director of Development.

This past November, Brothers Eric Kelley and Kevin Davila organized a special fundraising event called the Day of 100 Donors. The goal of this event was to engage 100 members in

donating \$18.47 each to send three additional delegates to the Preamble Institute (Pi). We exceeded these goals thanks to the generosity of those who participated. We had over 220 donors, who contributed in excess of \$11,000 which allowed 14 additional delegates and three additional facilitators to attend Pi. This was our largest group yet. Please read the article in this issue to find out how the experience went and to see a picture of those men who directly benefited by the generosity of those donors.

Our ReCharge workshops are picking up steam and expanding. By the end of this academic year, we will have conducted this values-based workshop at more than half of our Charges. The men who participate gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Theta Delt by discussing the meaning and intent of the words our founders expressed in our Preamble and our Ritual. A closer look at the workshops offered by the CFO can be found in this edition of the Shield. In the article by Brother Julian Weller, Mu Triton '19 (UNCG), he shares how this workshop has supported and inspired his Charge.



*Former Director Of Development
Eric Scott Kelley Sigma Triton'04*

On another positive note, we look forward to the return of the Rho Triton Charge at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and expanding to the University of Arizona. The Rho Triton Alumni Association has played a vital role in working with VCU in making this a reality. Our expansion efforts have also been focused on our newest colony, Psi Tetraton. A group of young men at the University of Arizona reached out to us because they saw Theta Delta Chi as an organization that aligned with their vision.

We have also seen the spread of the Bro's UniteD service project throughout our organization. What started at Lambda Triton (Rutgers) as an 8 week mentorship program for male teens on the Autism spectrum is being duplicated at 5 other campuses across the country with plans to expand to even more during the 2016-17 academic year. This program is partially funded through grants from the Educational Foundation.

During the past year I have been on the road with our Charge consultants and have visited 20 of our Charges. While there is always a social component to these visits, the primary focus is to share the vision of the Fraternity and to facilitate our ReCharge and ChargeUp Workshops. This opportunity has helped me to remain aware of current issues facing the undergraduate brotherhood and to build positive relationships with our local alumni and with the Greek offices at our host institutions. During these visits I have been able to see how these men have actualized our brand of being a, "small, intimate, diverse brotherhood, focused on scholarship, leadership and a responsible social life." Among many of our Charges, GPAs are up and improving, we are assuming leadership positions across our campuses and Bro's UniteD is taking off as a major service project among the brothers.

It has been a pleasure to serve Theta Delta Chi as its Executive Director. I will be stepping down from this position at the end of August 2016. During the past two years there has been a strong focus on programs and services for our undergraduate men and a focus on re-engaging our alumni.

It is truly a great day to be a Theta Delt.

JOB OPP

The Theta Delta Chi Educational Foundation, Inc., is seeking to fill the position of **Executive Director for Theta Delta Chi Fraternity.**

The Executive Director will be employed by the Educational Foundation. The position will be jointly funded by the Educational Foundation and the Grand Lodge/Founders' Corporation (the Founders' Corporation is a Holding Company for the Grand Lodge). The Executive Director will report to the President of the Educational Foundation.

The place of business is 214 Lewis Wharf, Boston, MA, 02110. The position will require the applicant to live in the Boston area and also to undertake extensive traveling.

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THE 2016 PREAMBLE INSTITUTE (Pi) CELEBRATED ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY IN HISTORIC FASHION.

The Gamma Deuteron Charge at the University of Michigan hosted this year's Pi with our largest group yet. Fifty participants and 10 facilitators converged on the Michigan Campus for three days to participate in sessions focused on renewing our values and Ritual; leadership skills and practices; teambuilding activities; and communication skills. The delegates were able to participate in activities at the University's Challenge Center. These activities focused on communication and team building and allowed participants to discuss alternatives to hazing. Participants also were able to hear from Devin Berghorst, Assistant Director of Greek Life at the University of Michigan. He spoke to them about the current state of Greek affairs across the country. This three day event culminated with a banquet at a local restaurant where everyone had the opportunity to unwind, to informally discuss the events of the weekend and to, "renew our social joys."

A special thank you goes out to all of our facilitators. These alumni volunteered their time, talent and energy for the betterment of the fraternity. They embody the ideal of a lifelong commitment to the Old Lady.

This year, fourteen of the participants were able to attend due to the **Day of 100 Donors** fundraiser. Our goal for **Day of 100 Donors** was to solicit 100 donors, raise \$1,847 and send three additional participants to Pi. We were overjoyed with the support for this program. There were over 220 donors, who donated over \$11,000, sponsoring 14 additional delegates and three additional facilitators to this year's event.

One delegate from each Charge is sent annually to this conference; however, this year we were able to send additional delegates from:

Sigma Triton	<i>Penn State University</i>
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Participants said, "I feel ready to go back to my Charge and implement change in our Ritual." "I can be a stronger leader in my Charge." "Being a part of Theta Delta Chi helps me to be a better man." These comments are but a few of the many positive words spoken at this event.

The Grand Lodge and Educational Foundation thank all of our donors and volunteers for helping to make this event successful. Because of your generosity, programs such as Pi have become a mainstay of our Fraternity and are helping Theta Delta Chi to remain viable and relevant in the 21st Century.

We would like to invite you to consider making a donation to help continue the work of the Educational Foundation for its scholarship and grant programs; and to assist in keeping the Preamble Institute the signature leadership program it has become.



Undergraduate Programming

This year, the CFO has rolled out two new programs that are transforming our Fraternity by reconnecting the brothers to the fraternal values to which we have all pledged. After the overwhelming success of the Preamble Institute (Pi) over the past decade, the CFO saw a need to increase the scope of our programming to engage more of our undergraduate members. Out of this came the ReCharge and ChargeUp workshops, which are facilitated by CFO staff and alumni at our local Charges.

The ReCharge workshop begins with an analysis of the shifting paradigms within Greek Life across the country. This allows our brothers to grapple with these shifts and to consider how their Charge must adapt to remain viable in the present day. Recent trends indicate that Greek organizations are reverting back to the values originally laid out by their founding members. The undergraduates engage in conversations around the values of Theta Delta Chi and how to implement values-based best practices at the Charge level. Finally, the undergraduate members are reconnected to our values by taking an in-depth look at both our Preamble and Ritual. This ultimately helps the brothers to understand what it means to be a member of Theta Delta Chi.

ChargeUp workshops concentrate primarily on strategic goal setting for individual Charges. The brothers start by establishing a vision for their Charge and listing goals on how to achieve that vision. By



ReCharge ChargeUp

the end, each Charge will have identified 3-5 goals to concentrate on throughout the next year. This provides our undergraduates with a roadmap for their Charge's future that all the brothers have agreed upon.

We have seen an overwhelmingly positive response to our workshops. We have found that our brothers desire to be a part of an organization that provides value to their own lives, the university, and the community around them. These workshops have fostered this perspective and have brought our Charges one step closer toward transforming our organization from being just a values-based organization to the value-added organization we aspire to be.

If Charges are interested in scheduling a workshop, please contact a Charge Consultant.



Understanding Who We Are

What does it mean to be a brother of Theta Delta Chi? This is a question that cannot be answered with a simple sentence, action or article. One part of being a brother of Theta Delta Chi is committing to bettering ourselves and the community around us. The ReCharge Workshop presented by Executive Director Dr. Richard Wood and Charge Consultant Quincy Gottwig helped my brothers and me at Mu Triton come to better understand what it means to be a Theta Delt, to become more connected to our founders' words and to become more informed about the direction of our Fraternity. After examining the Preamble and going through it section by section, membership in our Fraternity has been given renewed value and meaning. Our Charge understands what they must do to better themselves and those around them.

We learned how Theta Delta Chi is transforming itself into a value-added organization. Dr. Wood taught us the meaning of being "value added," meaning you are actively adding value to yourself, your university and the community through your membership in Theta Delta Chi. Because of the ReCharge workshop, our Charge now plans to add value to our community by setting up a Bro's United program. After hearing about how positive the program has been at

Lambda Triton (Rutgers), we became excited to get Bro's United up and running. As a Charge, we pride ourselves on the value we bring to our campus through our involvement with other organizations and our philanthropic efforts. Being involved in other university programs outside the Fraternity is an important way that we can bring value to our university and I hope other Charges have picked up on the same message.

As a result of the workshop, my Charge now has a new definition of leadership: a leader is not just someone that does something right, he is someone that does the right thing. Doing the right thing is not always easy but it is what separates us from the other organizations at our university. Being a member of Theta Delta Chi is an opportunity for us to practice leadership and utilize those skills in our everyday life.

The ReCharge workshop helped to renew my Charge's commitment to the shared values of our Fraternity. Tomorrow I will strive to be a better man along with many of my brothers from all across the country, because being a member of Theta Delta Chi is not about the man you are today, but the man you aspire to be tomorrow.

Julian L. Weller, Mu Triton '19

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If you are willing to support the Fraternity in 2016, visit www.tdx.org/vgdues, call **Patrick Tiernan** directly at 1-800-999-1847, ext. 1, or mail a check payable to the **Theta Delta Chi Educational Foundation**, 214 Lewis Wharf, Boston MA 02110.

Your commitment will keep our Fraternity strong!

Patrick Tiernan: Director Of Development



During my freshmen year in college, my mother gave me an old fraternity pin outlined by pearls and inlaid with two small diamonds underneath the Greek letters ΘΔΧ. It was my great grandfather's, and the inscription on the back of the pin read: "John F. Dahl/Charter Member/Tau Deuteron '92." It was a surreal harbinger of things to come, as four years later I would be initiated as a founding father of the Chi Triton charge at Merrimack

College. I would later discover through our archives that my maternal grandfather Theodore A. Dahl was also a brother of Tau Deuteron; my other maternal great grandfather, Elmer L. Clifford, was also a charter member; and Abel Beach was a member of their Embassy. My fraternal lineage is something I am extremely proud of, but I am also humbled by the fact I did nothing to warrant this recognition. It is rather an unearned privilege that has instilled in me a desire to give back.

As an educator, I have always been drawn to narratives. Stories have the capacity to bridge differences and foster core values. I am reminded of the individual connection we each have with our local Charge, its respective history and alumni whom we may know on a unique level. But we also share a greater bond that unites us. Our Founding Fathers often referenced the Greek mythology of Damon and Pythias, which symbolizes two invaluable lessons: the devotion embedded in authentic friendships and the recognition of sacrifice as a gift. Both are integral components of our personal and professional success as an international fraternity. Sacrifice is often interpreted in our culture as a loss or deficiency. But when viewed against the backdrop of our values, sacrifice speaks to the immeasurable impact that the giving of your time and resources can have. Recall a scholarship you may have been given or the time teachers and coaches spent preparing you for an exam or game. It is through the generosity of others that we are able to flourish.

Development is not confined to monetary contributions—albeit paramount for our sustainability—but also entails the giving of your time and expertise in your respective fields; we accomplish this by being mentors, advisors and friends to our undergraduate brothers. Today we witness how humble origins navigate innovative frontiers through robust undergraduate programming that fosters servant leadership and a responsible social life. We stand on the shoulders of giants and are called to better the academic, social and philanthropic lives of our brothers. I am humbled and excited to serve as Director of Development on behalf of the "Old Lady". As a perpetual student, I look forward to learning from all of you on how we will continue our record of excellence.

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Patrick Tiernan, Chi Triton '99



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Alumni Spotlight

Bruce Trefz

Being a Theta Delt is a lifetime commitment and a value-added experience. We carry the shared values of scholarship, leadership and a responsible social life with us long after our undergraduate years. Bruce Trefz, Gamma Deuteron '68, scholar, surgeon, Scout, humanitarian, and brother in Theta Delta Chi is a good example of this value-added experience. Being a Theta Delt has added value to his life, his Charge and his community.

After receiving his Bachelor's Degree, Bruce remained at the University of Michigan to continue his research in the areas of zoology and dentistry. Afterwards, he taught at the University of Michigan and the University of Detroit while working at a variety of hospitals in the Detroit metropolitan area. In 1981, Bruce moved to Gastonia, North Carolina to work at Gaston Memorial Hospital and he continues to work there to this day. Additionally, he serves as a Director for the Piedmont Dental Forum, and the Pankey Institute of Advanced Dental Studies. Bruce has written numerous articles in the field of dentistry and surgery along with editing numerous journals. Bruce continues to work as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Gastonia, North Carolina.

As a man of faith, Bruce is a professed Christian with a deep sense of spirituality. This has led to his participation in several medical missions internationally. He also is a leader in his religious community.

Besides his work as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, he has had a life-long affiliation with the Boy Scouts of America. He began his relationship with Scouting in 1954 as a Cub Scout and has continued into adulthood. He has provided leadership at the local, national and international level. Most notably is his participation as a BSA delegate and representative at several World Conferences and Jamborees.

Bruce's commitment to Theta Delta Chi began in 1966 when he became a brother. He has continued his involvement with Gamma Deuteron when he became part of their Alumni Advisory Council in 2013. Most recently, Bruce serves as a Director of the Educational Foundation and is a member of the Charitos Society.

We recently invited Bruce to reflect with us on his life. We asked him to focus on his involvement with the Boy Scouts of America and more importantly his involvement with Theta Delta Chi. Here is what he had to say.

What has contributed to your success?

First, faith and belief in my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. After that, family, education, and friends. I continually strive to keep my body, mind, and spirit balanced and equally engaged in my life, work, and relationships.

Bruce, you have had a very impressive career in medicine, with the Boy Scouts of America and with the Gamma Deuteron Alumni Association. What keeps you engaged in these organizations?

Both are wonderful youth-serving organizations that gave me great training at just the right times in my life. Scouting taught physical skills, character development, and leadership, and Theta Delta Chi supplied the social and academic support I needed at a large university. Both blessed me with lifelong friendships I couldn't have gotten anywhere else!

Professionally, I've strived to return the benefits of my training as well. I taught for eight years at the postgrad level, and did basic and clinical research for ten years before focusing on clinical practice. I've made 11 medical mission trips to Haiti and Russia over the years, mostly repairing facial clefts. I have served as president of several local, state, and national professional organizations, and continue to donate about one-third of my clinical time to underserved patients.

How did your involvement in Theta Delta Chi as an undergraduate contribute to your success?

I arrived at the University of Michigan at age 17, having grown up in a small farm town. I became totally self-supporting on my 18th birthday, and the demands of working half-time and struggling with serious academics got me feeling quite isolated in a hurry. I rushed my sophomore year, and found my second family at Gamma Deuteron, where the balance of friendship, fun, and serious academic effort were just what I needed. Sure am glad they liked me, too—my experience there was truly life-changing.



Are there any similarities to your involvement with the Boy Scouts of America and Theta Delta Chi?

I stayed continuously involved in both through the years, recognizing the real debt I owed as well as the tacit obligation to keep those benefits available to other young men in the future. In scouting, I continue to serve on my local council board here in North Carolina, but also on the national board and several committees of the Boy Scouts of America. I served six years on two World Scouting committees as well, having visited to date 24 countries for Scouting. I became a VGDues 100%er when I graduated in 1968, and have participated in all Gamma Deut building and support campaigns since. My pledge class president, Barry Morris, has kept a tailgate going on football weekends since the 1960's, and Linda and I make most of those, along with about 20 other faithful Gamma Deuts from all over the country.

You have just joined the board of the Educational Foundation. What brought you back to participating in the Fraternity at this level?

Financial and top-level relational and institutional support is essential to maintain and grow any national volunteer organization. I look forward to helping The Old Lady in the challenging days ahead as far as my experience and means permit.



Where do you see the Fraternity headed in the next decade?

O tempora, O mores! As in Cicero's Rome, our active brothers are preparing for a challenging and uncertain future on university campuses that are not supportive of fraternities and their values, and in many places are openly in opposition. Theta Delta Chi is an increasingly recognized leader in responsible social life, academic excellence, philanthropy, and campus leadership. Our Foundation, Preamble Institutes, and support of Autism Speaks are great examples. We certainly need to keep this ball rolling, and to make the ball bigger!

What advice do you have for both our undergraduates and alumni regarding their participation in the Fraternity?

Active Brothers: Invest as much as you can in your brothers—these bonds truly last a lifetime, and grow stronger as the years pass. Attend a Preamble Institute. Be faithful in attendance at your chapter meetings. Become a 100 %er, and continue your support.

Alumni: If you are not engaged with the CFO, do so today—the need is great, and the return on investment is huge. If you're not engaged with your brothers, you are missing one of life's greatest blessings—go on an internet hunt—you'll be amazed what you'll discover.

Bruce takes his commitment to the Fraternity very seriously and serves as an example of what a life-long commitment looks like, as he continues to engage with his community and the Fraternity.

William J. Corbett

at the White House

William J. Corbett, Xi '59 (Hobart), attended the 2015 White House Conference on Aging. Brother Corbett practices elder law in Floral Park, New York. He is a member of the Xi Charge Graduate Association.

Among the 49 speakers and panelists were President Obama, Cabinet Secretaries and representatives from various organizations including AARP who discussed a wide range of topics from caregiving to financial security to technology and more. The conference highlighted the importance of the aging population in the United States.

The conference recognized the 50th anniversary of Medicare and the 80th anniversary of Social Security. The White House has held

a conference on aging each decade since the 1960's to identify and advance actions to improve the quality of life of older Americans. Brother Corbett has attended other White House Conferences on Aging in addition to attending the White House Conferences on The Industrial World Ahead, two White House Conferences on Small Business and a White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services.

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It's Never *Just* a Donation

We all know that Theta Delta Chi is not *just* another fraternity. Our collective bond and commitment to the betterment of one another and those around us does not *just* meet a philanthropic goal to serve others. Simply put, we do things differently on behalf of the "Old Lady." While we may have fewer Charges overall, our undergraduate membership this year has gone well above initial expectations. Our dedicated Charge Consultants devote more of their time by ensuring each Charge is visited twice each year, a feat unparalleled in Greek life. The development of innovative programs does not *just* call for human resources of time and devotion but also requires monetary support to provide for expenses like conference fees and travel. Once these programs get off their feet they need to be sustained (much like all of us upon graduating from college). That's where you come in.

The Charitos Society was created six years ago as the leadership annual giving program of the Educational Foundation to provide an opportunity for alumni to give in a more intentional way. Charitos members help to support various social and professional events that serve to renew our fraternal bonds beyond acting as *just* a giving society. This spring we will sponsor events in Boston, Washington, D.C., and New York City. I will also be traveling throughout the summer hosting alumni dinners in cities like Indianapolis, St. Louis, Denver, and Atlanta, among others, so if you would like to hold a gathering in your region please reach out to me. Know that this is not meant to be *just* another commitment on your calendar but rather a unique opportunity to connect in a meaningful way with brothers from across North America. This does not replace our VG Dues Campaign, but acts as a value-added program to foster the long-term financial vitality of our Fraternity. Development is about cultivating our best selves while promoting the innovative growth and expansion we have witnessed in the past few years.

So I ask each of you to recall your days as an undergraduate Theta Delt. Remember what it was like to be welcomed into a brotherhood that wasn't *just* for four years of college. If you have given in the past, consider what is needed for you to move into the next cumulative giving club. If you have yet to give, let me ask you to consider starting now. You may already give to a myriad of deserving organizations and for that I am grateful. But I also hope you remember in a special way the bonds that allowed you to be in a position where you can give of your time and resources. Help to support our beloved organization and make a genuine difference in the lives of its members by remembering that it's never *just* a donation.

In the Bonds,

Patrick Tiernan (Merrimack) '99

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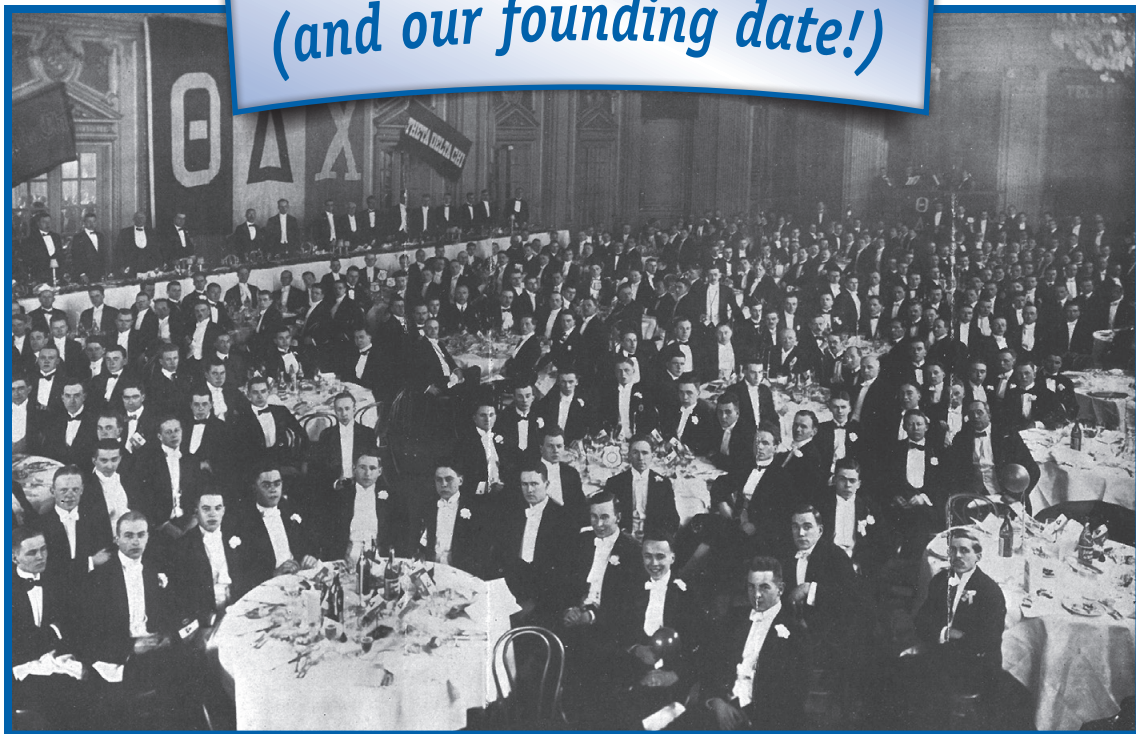
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(and our founding date!)



SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION BANQUET

BALL ROOM, COPLAY-PLAZA, BOSTON, FEBRUARY 22, 1916

The 169th Convention of Theta Delta Chi will take place August 11-13, 2016. This Convention will be the 25th held in the state of Massachusetts and the 22nd in the city of Boston. The first Boston Convention was held at the Revere House in 1877. During this time period, *The Shield* magazine offers a detailed account of Convention happenings for those who were unable to attend. These recaps from *The Shield* offer insights into the start of many Convention traditions and changes in the organization.

The notable 68th Convention was held at the Copley-Plaza Hotel in Boston in 1916 and attracted 475 Theta Delts! Many of the local Charges gave very strong showings. However, the most notable happening was a resolution made at the fourth business session of the 68th Convention.

The resolution of this business session declared that the official founding date of Theta Delta Chi would be October 31st, 1847. To understand this resolution, some backstory is necessary. In the 1891 volume of *The Shield* a segment of Alpha's (Union) records were published, in this record it stated that the first meeting took place June 5th, 1848. The 1896 Convention declared in favor of the 1848 founding date, which explains why the 50th anniversary of Theta Delta Chi was celebrated in 1898.

In 1915, a committee was formed to investigate the founding date, as the 1848 date was not favored by many of the older alumni who saw prestige in being part of an older fraternity. At the 1916 Convention the committee, with new evidence, declared that October 31st, 1847 shall be the observed founding date. One of the pieces of evidence was that the original founders' badges had the date 1847 inscribed on the back (The badges of Beach, Green, & Brown are all on display at the CFO archive). The longest living of the founders Andrew H. Green Alpha '49 (1830-1918), in a letter, recalls the conflicting record of the 1848 meeting minutes.

Two men whom objected to joining such a young fraternity were persuaded to join if they were added to the roster of founders. In an attempt to put this onto paper they created the first meeting minutes with the date of June 5th, 1848 with their names having been added to the roll. These two men are referred to as the false founders Theodore and Jesse Fonda, these names might ring a bell for many of you.

The signing of the Constitution by the original six founders was done in October of 1847. With this information, the committee felt confident to establish the founding date we recognize and celebrate today.

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169th Convention

The Theta Delts Are Coming – The Theta Delts Are Coming!

Join Theta Delts from around the US and Canada in Boston for our 169th Annual Convention, August 11-13. Boston makes a great vacation destination in the summer. The city abounds with historic venues from the site of the Boston Massacre to the historic Old North Church. The Freedom Trail makes visiting these and many other historic sites easy to do. For those of you more interested in contemporary venues, the New England Aquarium, followed by a whale watching excursion on the Atlantic Ocean, makes for a great visit. Boston's world renowned Science Museum is another fun option.

We are experimenting with a shorter convention schedule this year by eliminating one official day of meetings. Northeastern University will house our undergraduate delegates, host all of our meetings, and will also be the site of the Grand Banquet. Just a short 10 minute walk from the University, our alumni will be able to book rooms at the Colonnade Hotel at 120 Huntington Avenue, for our special convention rate of \$239/night. The Colonnade Hotel is conveniently located near the Boston Fine Arts Museum and public transit stations. You can make your reservations by calling the hotel directly at 800-962-3030 or online at www.colonnadehotel.com using promo code: THH11A.

For registration and the most accurate schedule visit www.tdxconvention.org

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Red Uebel Golf Outing location and time to be determined
4-7 pm Convention Registration*
7-10 pm Welcome get together*

Friday, August 12, 2016

10-12 am 1st General Business Session – Curry Student Center Ballroom
3-5 pm Omega Service – Fenway Center
5-7 pm Central Fraternity Office Tour – 214 Lewis Wharf

Saturday, August 13, 2016

10-12 am 2nd General Business Session – Curry Student Center Ballroom
1-5 pm Minerva Session – Curry Student Center, Student Senate Chambers
1:30-5 pm Educational Foundation Annual Meeting – Curry Student Center, Room 348
6-8 pm Charitos Society Reception Curry Student Center, McLeod Suites
8-10:30 pm Grand Banquet – Curry Student Center Ballroom

* location to be determined

Rho Triton Expansion



Over seven years ago the Rho Triton Charge at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) handed in their Charter with hopes of returning to campus sometime in the future. Even without an active undergraduate presence, the Rho Triton Alumni Association is one of our strongest, most engaged, and organized graduate groups. The alumni association, through their philanthropic endeavors and campus involvement, demonstrates that Theta Delta Chi is a value-added organization that improves the undergraduate experience. Their work, comradery and continued participation with VCU serves as a tangible example the University can draw upon to show their readiness to support an undergraduate Charge. After submitting a petition and presenting to students and faculty, Theta Delta Chi was invited to campus to begin the expansion in the fall of 2016.

The CFO is excited to announce Derek Clune, Theta Triton '14, will be the expansion consultant who will be in charge of the recolonization. He will be responsible for recruiting, training, and advising the group through the entire expansion process. Brother Clune has spent the last year as a traveling Charge Consultant. The CFO has tentative plans for chartering Rho Triton late spring 2017.

New Colony Update!

The Psi Tetraton Colony at the University of Arizona is Theta Delta Chi's newest colony, having gained colony status at the end of the spring '15 semester. The group is working with the CFO and their local alumni advisors to navigate the expansion process. Bill Herrett, Epsilon Triton '71 and Ron Hammer, Delta Deuteron '74 are two local alumni working with the group. Be sure to follow Theta Delta Chi on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter for updates and news throughout the year!



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