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The 63rd President of the Grand Lodge

Eric Scott Kelley, Sigma Triton '04 (Penn State)

It is with great excitement that I am able to assume office as the 63rd President of the Grand Lodge. I have been involved with the Grand Lodge in one way or another since 2004 and could not be more proud of what we have been able to accomplish as an organization. Between our amazing growth and the unparalleled success of the Preamble Institute, Theta Delta Chi finds itself in a position of strength that has not been seen in decades. We now find ourselves at a time where we must actively work to maintain and further our past victories while looking realistically at the organization to say, 'what next?'



The answer to this question that the Grand Lodge hopes to solve is expanding the resources that we can offer to our membership, both undergraduate and alumni. With a more vibrant membership and an increased interest in our international organization, we want to find new and inventive ways to collaborate across the Charges and ensure the best possible experience for the undergraduate members of the fraternity.

The Grand Lodge will be making this a prime focus for the coming academic year and I am personally excited to have such a dedicated and experienced team with which to work. I am happy to have Rick Wood serve as Graduate Secretary and Brian Bertges serve as Graduate

Treasurer where they will bring their educational backgrounds to the table to better understand how to best mentor and develop our membership. Executive Member Dean Harring's experience with liability and risk management will prove invaluable in ensuring that we protect the interests of the fraternity and its members both physically and financially. In addition, Executive Member Stephan Johnson's tenure as a Charge Consultant from 1992 to 1993 gives him a great perspective on the way fraternities have evolved and he brings a wealth of knowledge on Theta Delta Chi and the undergraduate experience.

We have two undergraduate Presidents rounding out the board. I am confident that Alex Frisvold and Jordan Ferguson will bring the same dedication to the Grand Lodge that they have to their own Charges to ensure that we have a strong undergraduate perspective to best address the issue facing today's fraternity man.

Our board will be focusing primarily this year on developing resources to train officers, develop new leaders and find ways to open the lines of communication between the Charges as well as between the Charges and the Central Fraternity Office/Grand Lodge. In addition, we hope to be working closer with the other entities, The Founders' Corporation and The Educational Foundation, to ensure that we best use our time and energy to be a cohesive organization with a unified vision of where we want

to be five, ten and twenty years from now. I am very excited at the prospects that this year will bring, but giving lip service to our goals will be in vain if we cannot achieve tangible success through action. As we begin the year, I look forward to re-visiting these goals one year from now and being able to catalogue the ways in which we have expanded the role of the Grand Lodge in the lives of our membership through growing our services and resources. I also want to challenge each of you, alumni or undergraduate, to decide clearly what your goals are for 2011-12 whether they be personal, professional or fraternal, so that we can come together at the 165th Convention in Toronto and share our mutual successes. If there is anything that I or my board can do to assist you with your goals, please let us know. In the meantime, it is my privilege to serve as the 63rd President of the Grand Lodge and I look forward to continuing to drive Theta Delta Chi towards prosperity.



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Duck Boats and Beyond

The 164th Convention of Theta Delta Chi August 3-6, 2011, ushered in a new Grand Lodge, passed significant legislation, opened up the CFO Archives to inspection, and gave delegates an amphibious tour of Boston on the notorious "Duck Boats."

Highlights include the election of longtime (2006-10) Director of Expansion Eric Kelley, Sigma Triton '04 (Penn State), as PGL. He is joined by Graduate Secretary Rick Wood, Gamma Triton '73 (Michigan State), Executive Members Dean Haring, Eta '72 (Bowdoin) and Stephan Johnson, Gamma Triton '92 (Michigan State), SGL Alex Frisvold, Beta Deuteron '12 (Iowa State), and TGL Jordan Ferguson, Upsilon Deuteron '12 (Wabash). See their profiles in related story.

Kelley, the incumbent Graduate Treasurer, whose term would have expired in 2012, automatically relinquished that post, which was filled by the new Grand Lodge's appointment of Brian Bertges, Sigma Triton '00. The appointment has been ratified by the active Charges.

Legislation to raise the annual Service Fee from \$70 to \$100, the first such increase in a decade, was passed and has also been ratified by the Active Charges.

Although headquartered at the Cambridge Marriott, delegates and other attendees made a circuit of Theta Delt venues in Greater Boston, including receptions at both the CFO and the Kappa Charge House, the Omega Service at the Old North Church, Minerva sessions at the Theta Deuteron House, and the Minerva-sponsored Duck Boat tour of Boston. About thirty attendees joined Executive Director Bill McClung, Iota Deuteron '66 (Williams), for a tour of Harvard's storied grounds.

At the historic Old North Church, Brother Peter Niche, Chi '78 (Rochester), led a commemorative service, with special words for Boine T. Johnson, Iota Deuteron '53 (Williams), 45th PGL, who died early in 2011. A reception followed at the Central Fraternity Office on Lewis Wharf, which featured an exhibition of archival materials enhanced by an electronic display, the work of Systems Administrator Kevin Davila, Psi Deuteron '01 (UCLA).

The week culminated with the Grand Banquet, attended by about 125, where many awards were distributed (see related story), most notably the Victory Cup to Lambda Triton (Rutgers) and the Theta Delt of the Year to Ken Nimblett, Kappa '69 (Tufts).

The brothers and guests departed with promises to re-unite at Toronto, August 1-4, 2012, for the 165th Convention and the Centennial of Lambda Deuteron Charge.



Convention Awards

By Director of Expansion Bryan Arnold, Upsilon Deuteron '09 (Wabash)

The annual Theta Delta Chi Convention is the perfect venue to recognize all the achievements and hard work of Theta Delts. This year, Boston was home to the 164th Convention. The first honors presented were the awards of excellence, which are given to charges that have excelled or improved tremendously in a particular area. These were decided by the charge consultants who visited every charge around North America. Here are the awards:

- With the highest GPA for a charge in Theta Delta Chi, **Xi** won the **Excellence in Academics Award**.
- **Lambda Triton** won the **Excellence in Finance Award** for having the financial stability, only 3 years after chartering, to sign a multi-million dollar 5 year lease.
- One charge continues to follow the risk management policies of TDX with attention to detail, the **Excellence in Risk Management Award** went to **Eta Deuteron**.
- **Beta** was awarded the **Excellence in Programming Award**. The brothers constantly worked with the school to create events that bettered the entire Greek community of Cornell. During the chartering
- Upsilon Triton chartering was made into a special ceremony because the brothers of **Upsilon Deuteron** stayed to initiate the colony during their spring break. It is for this reason that they received the **Excellence in International Brotherhood Award**.
- For the first time since the early 90's, Delta Deuteron has a completely full house of brothers. The brothers took major steps, and their achievement was recognized with the **Excellence in Recruitment Award**.
- Last year's Victory Cup winners are still a force in the Greek community at Penn St. **Sigma Triton** is known to everyone because they make other Greek's events a priority. This exemplifies why they were given the **Excellence in Campus Involvement Award**.

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Starting with the 163rd Convention in Washington D.C., Theta Delta Chi began using an Awards Committee to decide who wins each award, which are presented at the Grand Banquet. Any brother had the opportunity to nominate a charge for an award. I am happy to say that there were *at least three* truly exceptional candidates who embodied the values of Theta Delta Chi for each award this year.

There are, however, a handful of awards that are not decided by the awards committee since these awards are decided by clear-cut guidelines. One of these is the **Glenn Marston Travel Cup**, which is given to the charge with the most miles traveled by non-delegate undergraduates to the annual convention. Since Boston was the host site for the 164th Convention, one would naturally look to a western charge. **Epsilon Triton** proved to be the winner for 2011.



Another award that can be easily calculated is the **Graduate Attendance Trophy**. The charge that had the most alumni attend Convention was **Upsilon Deuteron**. One of their graduates, **Jacob Surface '11**, won the **Undergraduate of the Year** for his exceptional service to Upsilon Deuteron. He also propelled the charge to win the **Robert N. Loparo Service and Philanthropy Cup**

and a runner-up finish for the Victory Cup for having the highest brotherhood participation in their many philanthropic events.

Another undergraduate that boosted his charge into greatness this past year and earned **Undergraduate of the Year** was **Ryan Rosario '12** from **Theta Deuteron**. The charge served as an excellent host for the Convention. Opening their house to over a hundred Theta Delts exemplifies brotherhood. Awarding them with the **Guy C. Pierce Improvement Cup**, given to the charge that has the greatest improvement overall, seemed even more fitting because of their hospitality. They were also recognized by MIT for the most improved chapter. All of their success is due to their great recruitment, alumni involvement and fundraising, and campus involvement.

The last award that isn't decided by the awards committee is the **Charles P. Schmid Loyalty Cup**, which is awarded for having the highest percentage of living graduates subscribed to Voluntary Graduate (VG) dues. The **Gamma Deuteron** alumni not only won this award, but they made large contributions so their undergraduate men will live in luxury for years to come by getting them their own house. This effort was largely headed by **Larry Coates '78**, who was honored as **Alumnus of the Year**.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, by almost losing their house, this charge was on a large

decline due to lack of members and structure, but the brothers showed resilience by not allowing that to happen. Due to the extraordinary vision and diligence of newly elected Secretary of Grand Lodge (SGL), **Alex Friswold, Beta Deuteron** went back to what really makes all Theta Delts different from other fraternities, our Ritual. It is for this reason that Beta Deuteron won the **2011 Ritual Improvement Cup**.

The **President's Cup** is awarded to the charge deemed most proficient in the knowledge and conduct of Rituals and meetings in the Lodge Room. Even though there were other well-qualified charges, **Xi Deuteron** was, by far, the charge that best fit the criteria.

There were several alumni deserving to be named **Theta Delt of the Year**. This award is given to the alumnus who most distinguishes himself in service to the fraternity. This year **Ken Nimblett, Kappa '69**, was given the award for his many years of service to TDX. Ken also organized the event held at Kappa during convention. He is without question a most deserving alumnus!



The **Victory Cup** goes to the best overall charge in Theta Delta Chi. After two years of finishing as the runner-up, **Lambda Triton** of Rutgers University finally achieved this prestigious award. Their meteoric rise in Theta Delta Chi and at Rutgers is due to one of the most outstanding undergraduates TDX has ever known, **Matt Cortland**. Just like every other year, he did not leave

convention without some kind of honor. This year he won the **Lindberg-Downing Huffman Award**, which is accompanied by a \$250 scholarship, for the best article published in the *Shield* by an undergraduate.

Matt Cortland also won a \$2,500 scholarship from the Educational Foundation. This year, 11 Theta Deltas were presented with scholarships ranging from \$1,000-\$4,000. The winners are chosen by

amount of \$4000, were awarded to **Matt Amico**, Kappa '12, and **Charles Weill**, Beta '11. These brothers managed to best many well-qualified applicant, and they should be very proud of their achievement.

As stated above, these scholarships are given by the Educational Foundation. As most people know, the Educational Foundation's purpose is to further sound learning by the creation

Douglas G. Southern, Psi Deuteron '64; **Nicholas Walker**, Lambda Deuteron '64; **William A. Hammond**, Chi '73; **Richard E. Wood**, Gamma Triton '73; **C. Philip Curley**, Kappa Triton '76; **Donald M. Sandercock II**, Epsilon Triton '82; **James Bevilacqua**, Theta Deuteron '88; and **Eric James Davila**, Psi Deuteron '91. Thanks to these men, scholarships and programs funded by the Educational Foundation are annually possible.

Congrats to all that were recognized during convention. I am truly proud to call you my brothers.



a scholarship committee comprised of Educational Foundation members who thoroughly review each application. Winners of the general awards in the amount of \$1000 were **Paras Jain**, Lambda Triton '12, and **Alexander Johnson**, Sigma Deuteron '12. The William F. Porter Scholarship for excellence in science, in the amount of \$1000, was awarded to **Brett Birch**, Upsilon Deuteron '12. Winners of general awards in the amount of \$1847 were **Bruno Lucas**, Beta '13, **Christopher Cover**, Sigma Triton '12, and **Patrick Solberg**, Sigma Triton '12. Winners of general awards in the amount of \$2500 are **Joshua Rosenheck**, Lambda Triton '13, and **Jacob Surface**, Upsilon Deuteron '11. Lastly, the Davenport Foundation Scholarships, each in the

of scholarships, endowments, scholarship incentives and awards, to assist needy and deserving students, to make and encourage donations to colleges where Theta Delta Chi has Charges and to encourage development of high standards of honor, integrity, character, and leadership among undergraduates. The vehicle by which all of that is made possible is alumni donations. This year, several alumni were recognized at the Grand Banquet for making Voluntary Graduate (VG) dues of \$1,847 or greater. They were **Donald W. Campbell**, Kappa Triton '56; **Peter Davenport**, Kappa '59; **Clark C. Johnson**, Gamma Deuteron '62; **Edward A. Elliott**, Psi Deuteron '63;

Images: from left to right

Upsilon Deuteron winning the Robert N. Loparo Service and Philanthropy Cup for the 3rd Straight Year. Pictured from left to right are Kyle O'Keefe, Upsilon Deuteron '08; Anthony Tellez, Upsilon Deuteron '11; Jake Moore, Upsilon Deuteron '11; Brett Birch, Upsilon Deuteron '12; Chris Zabriskie, Upsilon Deuteron '12; Joel Bustamante, Upsilon Deuteron '11; and Jacob Surface, Upsilon Deuteron '11.

Ken Nimblett, Kappa '69, being presented the Theta Delt of the Year Award by Kevin Davila, Psi Deuteron '01.

Eric Kelley, the newly elected PGI, celebrating with the Lambda Tritons after they won the Victory Cup at the Grand Banquet. Pictured from left to right are Eric Kelley, Sigma Triton '04; Robert Freeman, Nu Deuteron '87; Matt Cortland, Lambda Triton '11; Paras Jain, Lambda Triton '12; Nicola Caputo, Lambda Triton '12; Josh Rosenheck, Lambda Triton '13; Daniel Levi, Lambda Triton '13; Bryan Campbell, Lambda Triton '11.

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PGL

Eric Kelley, Sigma Triton '04, The Pennsylvania State University

Bro Kelley joined the Sigma Triton Charge in 2000 and has thoroughly enjoyed being an active member ever since. After serving as President of the Charge, as an Executive Member of the Penn State Interfraternity Council and as Secretary of the Grand Lodge for two terms, he eventually left school after six wonderful years in State College to begin work for the Central Fraternity Office. He became the first Director of Expansion for Theta Delta Chi and led the efforts which resurrected Epsilon Triton (Arizona State), Gamma Deuteron (Michigan), Rho Proteron (South Carolina), Psi Deuteron (UCLA) and Xi (Hobart) and developed new Charges at Theta Triton (Binghamton), Tau Triton (Marist), Lambda Triton (Rutgers) and Upsilon Triton (Indiana). Along the way, he finished his Master's Thesis at Penn State and would graduate in 2008 with four Bachelor's degrees in Comparative Literature, Philosophy, Spanish and International Studies and a Master's degree in Comparative Literature. He retired from his professional TDX career to take a sales position at Grand Circle Travel in 2010 while assuming the role of Graduate Treasurer of the Grand Lodge for one year before being elected as the 63rd President of the Grand Lodge.

Graduate Secretary

Dr. Richard Wood, Gamma Triton '73, Michigan State University

Dr. Wood earned his Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 1973 and is a proud member of the Gamma Triton Charge of Theta Delta Chi. He then earned his doctorate from Oakland University in Educational Leadership.

His participation in the fraternity, as an undergraduate, included several leadership positions. He continues his participation in the fraternity as a member of the Founder's Corporation, a founding facilitator of the Preamble Institute and chair of several International Conventions. He has been honored by the fraternity with many awards including Graduate of the Year and Theta Delt of the Year in 1997.

During his career he has taught at all levels from elementary school to the university level. He has successfully served as a principal at several schools and then was named the Director of Instructional Technology for a major suburban district. In 2003 Dr. Wood founded his own educational consulting firm and currently works as an educational consultant focusing on curriculum, instruction and assessment improvement in urban school districts. He is a frequent speaker at conferences both nationally and internationally and has several articles published in educational journals.

Rick would like to see the Grand Lodge continue the slow and deliberate expansion it has seen over the past five years along with expanding services to charges focusing on leadership, scholarship and a responsible social life.

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Graduate Treasurer

Brian J. Bertges, Sigma Triton '00, The Pennsylvania State University

Brian is currently the Assistant Director for Research and Policy for the American Legion. In addition to helping to guide policy through research, Brian also is the Deputy National Representative to the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services Program (VAVS). As a national representative, Brian was placed into positions on the National Advisory Committee (NAC), the Partners Incorporation, and the Executive Committee. Brian also had the opportunity to travel across the nation to visit VA Medical Centers to provide analysis to give recommendations to the facilities as well as identify best practices to share with other facilities.

Brian also served four years in the United States Army from 1997-2001. During his service, as a Medical Specialist, he obtained the rank of Sergeant within 2 ½ years. Duties that he held were: Evacuation Noncommissioned Officer (NCO), Training NCO, Security Officer, Brigade Representative for the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program, Barracks NCO, and the Administrative Assistant to the Brigade Command Sergeant Major. Awards and badges that he achieved include: Expert Field Medical Badge, Air Assault Badge, two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, and a Good Conduct Medal. Brian also was named Brigade NCO of the year.

After his service he returned to college and obtained a B.S. in Bio-behavioral Health from the Pennsylvania State University. During his time at Penn State, Brian was a part of many student organizations and honor societies and received many awards to include: Greek Man of the Year, the William Asbury Leadership Award, and the IFC Community Service Award. Brian also is an alumnus from the Teach for America program, where he taught in low socio-economic schools in both the Bronx of New York City and Prince George's County Maryland. During that time period he was able to assist in closing the achievement gap that currently exists in America.

Lastly, Brian also has been a facilitator for his Theta Delta Chi's premier leadership program four of the last five years. Other responsibilities he has held within the fraternity include: Graduate Secretary of the Grand Lodge, a Member of the Educational Foundation Board of Directors, and Member of the Founders' Corporation.

While on the Grand Lodge, Brian would like to increase the amount of educational resources offered to the Undergraduates at our charges through online content, video conferencing, and group facilitation. In order to do that, Brian would like to increase the communication with the Presidents in order to find out which resources are most needed across the board.

Additionally, Brian is also going to work collaboratively with other members of the fraternity to analyze the Preamble Institute Curriculum in order to maximize the tools that are offered to the participants.



Executive Member

Dean K. Harring, CPCU, CIC, Eta '72, Bowdoin

Dean serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Claims Officer for QBE the Americas, the New York based operating division of Australian insurer QBE.

Mr. Harring previously served as Chief Claims and Operations Officer for GAB Robins North America and he has also held Chief Claims Officer positions with CNA Insurance and Zurich North America. He founded his own claims operations consulting firm, Claim Diagnostics, in 2005.

Dean is a graduate of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine where he served as president and steward of Theta Delta Chi (Eta) and lettered in Track and Field.

He earned his Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter designation in 1980, and his Certified Insurance Counselor designation in 1992. He is a graduate of the Advanced Senior Executive Program at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and he has served as a faculty member with the National Alliance for Insurance Education and Research since 2007.

He has also served on several insurance industry and not-for-profit boards, including the American Insurance Association, Arbitration Forums, the Council on Litigation Management, the Community Law Center, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Maryland. He joined the Grand Lodge as an Executive Member in 2011.

Mr. Harring resides in Severna Park, Maryland, with his wife Gwen.

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Executive Member

Stephan Johnson, Gamma Triton '92, Michigan State University

Stephan Johnson is excited to be back serving Theta Delta Chi. Brother Johnson graduated from Michigan State University in 1992. While attending MSU, he was an active member of the Gamma Triton charge, he was also active through out the Greek community, student life organizations and a founding member of MSU Recycles (a program that collections and recycles paper and cardboard in the MSU dormitory systems) .

Upon graduation, Stephan moved into CFO headquarters and served as the sole national Charge Consultant during the 1992- 1993 academic school year. During his term, he visited 33 of then 34 active colleges and university's that host a TDX charge. He wrote status reports on the Greek climate of each university, met with Greek Deans, reviewed each charge and met with local alumni. While on staff he was also a part of the re-colonizing of Stanford. After his completing a year on the road, Stephan serviced as Regional Governor for Region IV from 1993 to 1995. Stephan was named Gamma Triton Alumni of the Year in 1993.

In his professional life, Brother Johnson, develops, oversees and manages 3rd Party Sales and distribution programs in the Wireless and Telecom industries. He current works in Business and Sales development for the 3rd largest Internet and Cable Television provider in the United States, Cox Communications.

Stephan resides in Atlanta, Georgia along with his beautiful wife Allegra and their three children: Brendon (11), Hayden (7) and Tabitha (4)

Goals for Theta Delta Chi:

I feel that we need to emphasize that joining Theta Delta Chi is not just a college experience but a life long brotherhood. As I start my second term as an Executive Member of the Grand Lodge, I want to promote the value and services of the Central Fraternity Office and The Grand Lodge. These services can and should be used by the undergraduates as well as alumni as we form more alumni groups across the United States.



Secretary

Alex Frisvold, Beta Deuteron '12, Iowa State University

Alex Frisvold, the undergraduate Secretary of the Grand Lodge, is also the president of the Beta Deuteron charge. He has played a major role in the house since his freshmen year holding the offices of scholarship chair, secretary, new member educator, rush committee chair and junior executive officer. As a sophomore he was his charge's delegate to the Preamble Institute. Besides being involved in his fraternity, Alex has been studying Computer Engineering with a focus in Information Assurance (Computer Security) at Iowa State University.

While the majority of his time is spent working with his local charge and being with his brothers, Alex continues to play hockey with other members in the Greek community. Two years ago, he and his Greek teammates won the intramural hockey tournament at Iowa State. As well as playing Hockey, Alex is involved in the Information Assurance Student Group (IASG). Every year IASG holds a Cyber Defense competition and last year Alex and his team placed 3rd out of 18 teams.

While on the Grand Lodge Alex wants to work to increase the strength of the current Charges in Theta Delta Chi. Being from a charge that has struggled the last 10 years, he wishes to give support to other charges that are facing difficulties of their own. He also wants to help other charges learn what support is available from Nationals and provide the necessary assistance to achieve the charge's goals.

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Treasurer

Jordan B. Ferguson, Upsilon Deuteron '12,
Wabash College

Jordan is currently a senior biochemistry major at Wabash College on the pre-med track. He currently holds the position of president at the Upsilon Deuteron charge. At Wabash, Jordan has been involved in many clubs and organizations. He is a member of the pre-health society, Spanish club and FIMRC, is the vice president of the chemistry club, and is involved in Sons of Wabash, an alumni relations group. Jordan is also a member of the Wabash lacrosse team. Jordan has been very active in his charge as well; he served two terms as treasurer and has also held the positions of rush chair, pledge educator, recording secretary and house manager during his time at the fraternity.

While on the Grand Lodge, Jordan would like to see increased communication between the Grand Lodge and the undergraduates. He also envisions strengthened alumni involvement through an expansion of the Charitos Society and other similar initiatives. Finally, Jordan would like to see the continued expansion of Theta Delta Chi across the nation.

Charges Ratify Legislation

Service Fee to Increase to \$100 per annum

Legislation approved by the 164th Convention in August was submitted to the Charges for ratification, with a statutory deadline of October 15th for decisions. The Charges ratified all legislation, including an increase in the undergraduate service fee from \$70 to \$100 a year, the first increase in a decade. Other legislation included provisions to require that the Grand Lodge approve an annual Budget and commission an annual Audit.

The Charges also ratified the appointment of Brian Bertges, Sigma Triton '00, as Graduate Treasurer of the Grand Lodge. Bertges is completing the unexpired term of PGL Eric Kelley, who resigned as GTGL upon winning the office of PGL in August.





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Is Up and Running!

The next two Charitos Society events have been scheduled!

If you have been looking to get re-involved with Theta Delta Chi, this is your opportunity. The Charitos Society is the leadership annual giving program of the Theta Delta Chi Educational Foundation. You can learn more at: <http://www.charitos.net>

On Saturday November 5th, the Charitos Society is sponsoring an event at Goody Glover's, a Pub in Boston's quaint North End. Come drink, eat, watch some football, and renew in union our social joys. Also, this will be a great opportunity to meet the members of the Grand Lodge, since they will be in town for an in-person meeting. Food will be provided and the event is free.

Questions and RSVP's can be directed to Bryan Arnold, Upsilon Deuteron '09, at barnold@tdx.org.

On Sunday January 29, The Charitos Society is sponsoring a private brunch and group tour of the special exhibit 'Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus' at the Detroit Institute of Art. Theta Deltas and their families will enter through a private entrance and be directed to a reserved private dining room. A curator will give a short lecture and lead an exclusive tour of the exhibition, which features 64 works from more than 30 lenders, including the Musée du Louvre in Paris, the National Gallery of Art in D.C., the Metropolitan Museum in New York, the British Museum, and the National Gallery in London. Several of the paintings are being seen in the United States for the first time.

Following the tour we will enjoy a brunch prepared by the award winning chefs of the DIA. Your ticket includes access to the entire DIA, so visit the Rivera Court and see Diego Rivera's world famous fresco Detroit Industry or visit one, or all, of the eight art collections. The DIA is open until 5 pm on Sundays.

For questions or to RSVP, please contact John Geisler, Gamma Triton '83, at jgeisler@msn.com.

You do not need to be a member of Charitos to attend these events.

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The Educational Foundation's Charitos Society played host at a post-Convention brunch August 7th at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. Attendees enjoyed the cuisine of Bravo, the MFA's signature restaurant, followed by a guided tour of the bold new American Wing. Highlights included the museum's unrivalled collection of Copleys, including his portrait of Paul Revere, and John Singer Sargent's *Daughters of Edward Darley Boit*.

Those present included Educational Foundation President John Geisler, Gamma Triton '83 (Michigan State), PGL Eric Kelley, Sigma Triton '04 (Penn State), Founders' Corporation President Phil Parker, Sigma Triton '08 (Penn State), Peter Besen, Theta Deuteron '77 (MIT) and his family, Douglas and Aviva Brooks, Kappa Triton '79 (Northwestern), Phil Curley, Kappa Triton '76 (Northwestern), Adam McCready, Chi Deuteron '02 (George Washington), Todd Kruse, Beta Deuteron '88 (Iowa State), Kyle O'Keefe, Upsilon Deuteron '08 (Wabash), Executive Director William McClung, Iota Deuteron '66 (Williams), Director of Expansion Bryan Arnold, Upsilon Deuteron '09 (Wabash), and Director of Charge Development Patrick Marcantuono, Epsilon Triton '11 (Arizona State).

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