



# THETA DELTA CHI'S UNDERGRADUATE NEWSLETTER

**It's a great Day to be a Theta Delt!**  
**March 2020**

## GreekTrack has LAUNCHED!



By now, every Charge member should be registered on GreekTrack (GT). If you have not been invited to update your profile, please speak to your Charge President. GT will allow Charges to more easily communicate with their alumni member. All Charge documents, including By-Laws, New Member Education Plans, Risk Management Plans, and Officer Transition Manuals will have a home on the new platform. A Charge Calendar can be maintained on GT and the Charge will be able to track all service and philanthropy information. All CFO billing and payments will be made directly through GreekTrack or by check payable to "The Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi" at 214 Lewis Wharf, Boston, MA 02110.

### GreekTrack Webinars

GreekTrack is offering several Webinars to provide specific information for all members and Charge officers. Please take advantage of these opportunities.

March 24th at 8:30-9:30 PM Eastern – Featured Spotlight: Files and Forms

April 8th at 8:00-10:00 PM Eastern – Officer Training

April 21st at 8:30-9:30 PM Eastern – Membership Transitions, Bulk Emails and SMS Texting

Please register for these sessions at [GreekTrack.com/training](http://GreekTrack.com/training) or click [here](#).

## Interested in a Grand Employment Opportunity?



If you have not seen the posting on Instagram, the Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi is seeking applicants for the full-time position of Charge Consultant. The CFO is looking to hire a Charge Consultant starting July of 2020. A detailed job description can be found [here](#). In the words of our current Charge Consultant, Julian Weller,

*"Being Charge Consultant is an incredible experience for me as I have been able to learn about every Charge and their brotherhood, while simultaneously learning invaluable professional skills. It is a job that is both fun and rewarding as it provides opportunities to grow every day. If anyone is interested in the position and would like to talk more please feel free to reach out to me."*

Click [here](#) to apply online.

## Theta Delta Chi and the War for Cuban Independence



Theta Delt's played prominent roles in the struggle for Cuban Independence. Brothers Mariano E. Aguero y Polhamus, Alpha 1860 and Gonzalo De Quesada, Pi Deuteron 1888, pictured here, were both instrumental in the

Cuban War for Independence from Spain. Bro. Aguero served as a General in the Army of Cuba and was executed by the Spanish in 1875. While Bro. Gonzalo de Quesada was a key architect of Cuba's Independence Movement with Jose Marti and received the National Order of the Legion of Honour of France for his work. Bro. Quesada was a member of the Cuban Constitutional Convention in 1901 and became the minister to the United States and eventually Germany. In 1904 he signed the Hay-Quesada Treaty. John Hay, Zeta 1858 was the Secretary of State for Theodore Roosevelt at the time. A statue of Gonzalo de Quesada stands in a park named in his honor in Havana. Bro Quesada wrote a very moving tribute to his friend and Fraternity Bro Mariano E. Aguero in the [March 1893, vol. 9, pp. 8-11 edition of the Shield magazine](#).

## Exceptional Brothers Doing Exceptional Things



Ambassador Thomas Pickering, Eta '53 retired as a United States ambassador after than more than four decades of service. During his service in the State Department he served as ambassador to Jordan (1974-1978), Nigeria

(1981-1983), El Salvador (1983-1985), Israel (1985-1988), the United Nations (1989-1992), India (1992-1993), and Russia (1993-1996). During his tenure with the State Department he served as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and currently holds the rank of Career Ambassador, the highest in the U.S. Foreign Service. In 1992 Bro. Pickering was honored by "the Old Lady" with the Theta Delta Chi Achievement Award. Among the praise for Ambassador Pickering: "The Best American Ambassador I've dealt with." King Hussein of Jordan "Arguably the best-ever U.S. representative to that body (United Nations)" New York Times "Five-star General of the diplomatic corp." Time magazine Following his retirement, the U.S. Department of State Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program was renamed the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship. In, May 2011, Brother Jacob Surface, Upsilon Deuteron '08, was awarded the Pickering Fellowship and now serves as a Foreign Service Officer in Washington D.C.