



**It's a Great Day to be a Theta Delt!**  
**October 2020**

## Leadership in a Time of Opportunity: Founders' Day and the Founders' Day of Giving



Founders' Day is a time for all of us to take stock of what it means to be a Theta Delt and to celebrate the lives and aspirations of six young men at Union College in 1847. I hope that all Charges do some sort of remembrance of not only the founders but of all the Brothers of your Charge who have come before you. On October 31<sup>st</sup> we encourage you to make a call, send a text or email to any of the brothers who have made a particular impact on your or your Charge and thank them for what they have done. It is important to recognize people for how they have positively impacted your life. Remember to be specific and say how their actions have affected you.

As a CFO staff, we will be doing several things leading up to Founders' Day and during the day. You can . . .

- Follow Theta Delta Chi's Facebook and Instagram accounts! Beginning October 20th, we will be sharing posts about our Founders and about the Founding of Theta Delta Chi
  - o Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ThetaDeltaChi>
  - o Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/thetadeltachi/>
- During the Day on October 31, you can participate in one or even all, of the four (4) recitations and discussions of the Preamble (details below)
- Log into our Facebook and Instagram pages throughout the day to view the many videos to be posted from brothers around the country
- Consider becoming a donor to the Educational Foundation. A special link is provided for that day (<https://thetadeltachifoundersday.org>) No gift is too small (\$5 would be a good starting point). If you are able, consider donating a sum that is meaningful to you or perhaps an amount equal to the year of the founding of your Charge or of the Fraternity, \$18.47.
- Log into GreekTrack ([mytdx.org](http://mytdx.org)) and make sure your profile is up to date.
- Log into GreekTrack ([mytdx.org](http://mytdx.org)) and update your family tree. A great way to connect your Charge's past with the present and set up a future.

## Job Opening for the Next Executive Director of Theta Delta Chi



Yes, Brian Bertges will be leaving the position of Executive Director this year. We all wish him well as he begins to create a new future for himself.

Do you know any alumni who would be a solid candidate to lead our organization? If so, encourage them to apply to be the next Executive Director of the Educational Foundation. Have them apply [here](#).

## Exceptional Brothers Doing Exceptional Things



Ralph A. Olsen, Beta Deuteron 1923, In addition to being a Brother of Theta Delta Chi, Brother Olsen was involved with the Block and Bridle Club and the Men's Glee Club while an undergraduate at Iowa State. Brother Olsen was active in organizing agricultural cooperatives in Iowa, serving as President of several of them and continued his academic life by traveling abroad to study and promote agriculture, including visits to India and the USSR.

He distinguished himself as an Iowa State alumnus and was a founding member of the Iowa State University Cyclone Club, and served in leadership positions on the Board of Governors of the Iowa State University Foundation, the Iowa State Alumni Association, the Athletic Council, and the Memorial Union Board of Directors. He received numerous awards and citations from Iowa State University. In 1974, Olsen donated \$250,000 (\$1.4 million in today's dollars) to the Iowa State Foundation for completion of the football stadium and in 1976, the University named the Ralph A. Olsen Athletics Administrative Building in his honor.

Brother Olsen lived a life indicative of the values of Theta Delta Chi. He strove to improve himself intellectually, morally and socially in all he did. He exemplified leadership as a value and worked tirelessly to add value to his school and his community. Brother Olsen's life is one to celebrate during Founders' Day.

The Brothers at both Xi Deuteron Charge and Rho Proteron are to be congratulated on their exceptional recruitment effort during Fall 2020. In particular, a big shout out goes to **Ty Lewis, Rho Proteron '23** and **Jesse Nguyen, Rho Proteron '23** for their work as Recruitment Chairs for an effort that netted 21 new members for Rho Proteron and to **Brandon Cain, Xi Deuteron '24** for his outstanding work as Recruitment Chair at Xi Deuteron seeing Xi Deuteron with a new member class of 24.

### Recitation of the Preamble

We hope you know your military time, because on October 31st at 18:47 (6:47) ET, CT, MT, and PT, Brothers, members of the 144th Grand Lodge and CFO staff will connect on Zoom to recite and discuss the Preamble as the essence of our values. Founders' Day is a time to reflect and share on the organization's history, join us, and be part of the celebration. The link for any of these four times is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83846206658>

### Expansion

There is no better way to celebrate our founding than to help found another Charge of our beloved Fraternity. Many of our current Charges are the result of Brothers having connections at other schools. If you have friends at another College or University that does not have a Charge of Theta Delta Chi, and they are interested in starting a Charge, please have them contact the CFO at [glsaff@tdx.org](mailto:glsaff@tdx.org).

If you would like to submit ideas for articles, comment on current articles or submit an article for publication in this newsletter, please contact Dr. Richard "Rick" Wood, Educational Consultant for Theta Delta Chi at [wood@tdx.org](mailto:wood@tdx.org).