



It's a Great Day to be a Theta Delt!
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Remembering Founders' Day



In 1847, America was thirteen years away from the start of the Civil War. Six determined and visionary young men joined together to establish the 11th social, Greek letter society in America. This very small group of men were determined to create an organization bigger than any one of them. On October 31st, we honor them and remember the values they set down in our Preamble that provide a guide for all of us in our daily lives. After 173 years of existence, over 30,000 living alumni and almost 1,100 active undergraduate members, the values of Theta Delta Chi still resonate and speak with great urgency.

We are living in a time many might consider to be a time of crisis. COVID, social and civil unrest, wildfires burning uncontrollably in the West and a divisive election all point to a time of challenge for all of us. As Theta Delts, we have an opportunity to demonstrate leadership during this difficult time and

use the events around us as an opportunity to do exactly what our Preamble suggests, "endeavor to improve and reform."

Join with other Theta Delts on October 31st to honor the courage and vision of our Founders. We can all work to perpetuate the vision of these six young men by doing the following:

- Attend an online reading and discussion of the Preamble at 18:47 (military time) in your time zone (details to follow)
- Make sure you and all of your brothers are logged into [GreekTrack](#)
- Ask your alumni to participate in the reading of the Preamble and to also become registered on [GreekTrack](#)

In the words of Patrick Henry, "The Battle is not to the strong alone. It is to the vigilant, the active and the brave." Remaining **vigilant** in adherence to the values of our organization, **active** in making them a reality in our daily lives and **brave** in doing what is right, is the surest way to honor our Founders.

Charge Resources

CFO staff have taken the opportunity during the past few months to work with Charge members and Alumni around North America to develop resources for the improvement of our organization. These resources are available on [GreekTrack](#). After logging in click on More>Files>Files Shared by Staff. Public files can be accessed [here](#) without logging in. Several Charges have already accessed them and are using them to prepare and even stay ahead of the changes expected on their campuses during this academic year. An index of all of these resources can be seen by clicking [here](#).

Please let us know if there are resources you would like to see developed OR if you have specific feedback on the ones that are available. CFO staff are also available to help you work with any of these resources as you work to improve your Charge's operations.

Exceptional Brothers Doing Exceptional Things



One brother comes to mind as a model of leadership in a time of crisis. Alvin Bentley, Gamma Deuteron '40, served as vice consul and secretary with the US Foreign Service; serving in Mexico, Columbia, Hungary and Italy. He also was elected to a seat in the US House of Representatives from the State of Michigan in 1952. While in that position, he was shot in the chest in 1954 on the floor of the US House of Representatives when four Puerto Rican Nationalists opened fire from the visitor's gallery into the Chamber of the US House of Representatives. He survived and continued to serve in Congress until 1961. He then went on to other roles in public service and philanthropy until his death at age 50 in 1969. He continued to lead during his personal time of crisis and saw

the opportunities before him to "endeavor to improve and reform." The brothers of Gamma Deuteron Charge and Theta Delta Chi can be very proud to call him Brother.



Cade Johnson, Psi Tetraton '22, has taken on the mantel of leading in a time of crisis. Using what he learned in classes as a Digital Marketing major, he created a recruitment [website](#) that focuses on the brand of the Charge and the values of the organization well before any announcement about recruitment from the University of Arizona. His effort has served as a model for other Charges and for his University.



Brandon Cain, Xi Deuteron '22, worked with other members of his Charge to develop a professionally produced [video](#) which not only highlights the Charge house but again highlights Theta Delta Chi as a brotherhood focused on scholarship, leadership and a responsible social life. This [video](#) has served as a model for other organizations on his campus and for other Charges in Theta Delta Chi.

These are just three examples of exceptional brothers doing exceptional things and leading in a time of crisis.