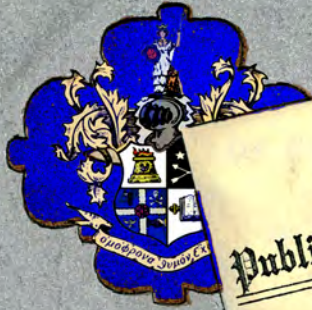


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# Introducing Patrick

Patrick Marcantuono, Director Of Charge Development

As I settle into my office I begin to look back and reflect just how I came to work for our beloved fraternity. Just like every story, there is a journey, and just like every journey, there is a beginning. In my route to the CFO, my journey began on August 8, 2007. It was the day before I would leave my home state of New Jersey to start my collegiate career at Arizona State University. At some point in the day, I found myself with a young lady watching the movie *Old School*, a Greek life cult classic about how three men, facing their mid-life crisis, go on to start a fraternity in an attempt to relive the glory that is college. After the inspiring serenade by Will Ferrell that helped me cope with the loss of the character Blue, I turned to the lovely young lady sitting next to me and said, "How cool would it be to start your own fraternity." POW! One across the kisser followed by a firm warning that I would not partake in any such thing. Well after that, I just had to do it!

Three weeks later, word reached my ears from a future brother Jeremy

Thomas that a group of young men at ASU were starting a fraternity, with Brian Bednarek leading the way. A couple days later, I found myself in the basement of Memorial Union alongside twenty other young men who in a few months would return Epsilon Triton to the active ranks of Theta Delta Chi. Looking back on those first few days, I would be lying if I told you we knew what we were doing, yet that was the beauty of it. The challenge we faced was not one of memorizing Greek letters or knowing the founders of a fraternity, it was the challenge of taking on the unknown. To learn as we go and teach one another not just about Theta Delta Chi, but the entire Greek system. To build not just relationships, but the bonds of brotherhood in an atmosphere where know sense of brotherhood existed to begin with.

There has been no experience in my life that has been more indelible than the re-founding year of Epsilon Triton. I cannot remember a time where I saw young men come together and work to achieve a common goal of the same magnitude. A Psi Deut once asked me

asked me, "What was the best part of being a founding father?" I paused for a moment and then answered, "It was that moment when you realize that the relationship you have with the founding fathers is so different and unique. It hits you, that neither brother nor friend can ever understand the challenge you faced together. It is only the ones you did it with who will truly know. Founding fathers share the most unique and rarest bonds of brotherhood. We pride ourselves on that."

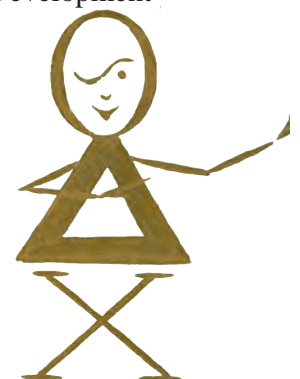
It was the founding year of Epsilon Triton that grew my love for our beloved fraternity and what we seek to accomplish as a brotherhood. To our undergraduates, I look forward to our meetings this upcoming year and working with you to build organizations built of excellence and the principals of Theta Delta Chi. For our graduates, if you have any questions or ever need information feel free to contact me. My information is located on [tdx.org](http://tdx.org).

Brothers, I would like to leave you with a segment on the idea of excellence from the book, *The Game*, by Ken Dryden that has stuck with me over the years.

"Everything fits, everything works. Every new thing is made to fit and work. Everything just is. Reasons blur and disappear. It becomes a state of mind, an obligation, an expectation; in the end, an attitude. Excellence. It's that rare chance to play with the best, to be the best. When you have it, you don't want to give it up ... but it's a state of mind that can get tired. When you win as often as we do, you earn the right to lose. It's losing to remember what winning feels like. But it's a game of chicken. If you let it go too far, you might never get it back."

In the bonds,

Patrick Marcantuono Director  
of Charge Development



# How Does A Charge Get Started?

Bryan Arnold, Director Of Expansion

*Throughout my first year working for the Central Fraternity Office, one question that I have been asked over and over is 'why don't we have a charge at (insert school)'. This question comes from many different types of Theta Deltas: alumni who want their charge back, recent grads that would like a charge near them, or undergraduates who want to visit another charge but there isn't one close. Whichever category you fall into, there are steps that can be taken to revitalize a charge.*

**Step 1:** Tell the CFO! Contact Director of Expansion Bryan Arnold ([barnold@tdx.org](mailto:barnold@tdx.org)).

**Step 2:** Form an Alumni Support Group by working with TDX Headquarters Staff.

**Step 3:** This Support Group and TDX will begin to speak with school officials to schedule a return to the institution.

**Step 4:** After a timeline for return has been determined, the Alumni Support Group and TDX staff will work to plan an effectively organized expansion, which includes identifying a local Charge advisor and undergraduates to help start the interest group.

**Step 5:** Once the plan is in place, it will be implemented and recruitment for the colonization will begin.

**Step 6:** Upon completion of recruitment, the men must meet the Grand Lodge standards for colony status to be completed, which includes meeting the requirements for GPA, number of men, elected officers, and weekly meetings being held.

**Step 7:** The colony then will be supported by the Alumni Support Group, TDX staff, and the Charge Advisor until they are approved by the institution and the Grand Lodge for chartering.

All interested undergraduates and alumni are encouraged to contact the Theta Delta Chi International Headquarters.

These steps take time and energy, but can be achieved if they are followed. Your charge or a school that you would like to expand to can be up and running in a short time.

Most importantly, this can lead to somebody else having the opportunity of a lifetime, being a Theta Delt.

## A Theta Delt Odyssey: From Founding Father to NYC Networking

Stephen Stafutti, Tau Triton '10

If five years ago someone had told me I would be writing an article for my fraternity magazine, I would have laughed in disbelief. When I decided to attend Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, I knew that my chances of joining a fraternity were slim to none. With only 4,000 undergraduates and three fraternities on campus, there were very few options. My friends and I were starting our second semester of freshman year, when we knew joining one of the current fraternities on campus was not an option.

Then one night my friends and I were in my dorm room, let's just call it "socializing," when my phone rang. It was Justin Zimmer, one of my closest friends from high school. We got to talking and to my surprise he informed me he was starting a fraternity. Now as you could imagine I was confused, and replied "you mean joining a fraternity?" He said "no, starting one."

So, naturally, I was very curious about what he meant by starting a fraternity, but with it being midnight on a Thursday night in college, we were both pressed for time. I told him to call me tomorrow so we could discuss it further. When I was off the phone, I told my friends about it, and, like me, most of them were confused with the idea of starting a fraternity. The next day Justin called me back and told me a little bit more about Theta Delta Chi and how he and his friends were in the process of starting a chapter at Binghamton. I thought the idea was extremely interesting.

# State Of The Charges

Bryan Arnold and Brian Bednarek

Throughout the next two weeks, as I attended other fraternity events and they tried to get my friends and me to pledge, the idea of starting a chapter of Theta Delta Chi really grew on me. I started to discuss the idea with my friends and, like me, they became very interested. I called Justin to find out more information on the subject. He then gave me the number of the famous Eric Kelley, aka “The King of College”.

When I called Eric to acquire some more information, I was pleasantly surprised by his eagerness to come meet with us. (Back then I didn’t realize that a three hour drive for him was like a drive around the block for the average person.) I then gathered my friends and we met with him for lunch. Right off the bat we saw what a great guy he was and how passionate he was about Theta Delta Chi. When we took this meeting, none of us had the idea in our heads that we could actually start a fraternity at Marist College, but man, were we wrong.

After talking to Eric and learning the steps needed to start Theta Delta Chi at Marist, my interest just kept growing. I decided to put the word out and see how much attention the topic could raise. To my surprise, within the next week I had people coming up to me saying, “Wait, are you the guy who is starting a fraternity?” Apparently there were others who were not content with the current fraternities on campus. When this happened, I knew that this was going to be huge.

When the interest around campus spread, I decided to take it a step further and contact someone at Marist College to see if the idea

## Bryan Arnold

### Alpha

The brothers at Union College, the birthplace of Theta Delta Chi, are known as the jock house on campus, with many of the brothers playing on the football team. These guys have a great house, good alumni support, and a Greek advisor who admires them, and are an Alpha chapter. Most charges of Theta Delta Chi would love to have what these guys have. They make use of it by having a consistently great recruitment period. The Alpha Chapter also throws a beach party at the end of the spring semester that almost has the whole campus show up, faculty and staff included. When a charge has faculty and staff on their side, it shows that the brothers are definitely on the right path.

### Beta

Thumpty, as Theta Delta Chi is so affectionately called by the brothers of Beta, celebrated their 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Cornell University this past year. These brothers turned up their campus involvement and philanthropic endeavors. One of their big events, in conjunction with the Cornell Music Department, was having African Bambaataa play for an audience made up of 300 faculty members and students. It was a great way to illustrate how fraternities can coordinate a fun, large-scale, and alcohol-free event at Cornell, especially in the wake of the negative publicity the school has received this past year. They also have curtailed the publicity with their Recycle for Haiti program, in which the brothers collected over 13,000 cans. For this and their other philanthropic events throughout the year, Thumpty was awarded Cornell’s Most Outstanding Service to the Community Award. From their wacky composites to their speakeasy to their outstanding campus involvement, the brothers and house of TDX are unique, diversified, and motivated, ensuring Thumpty Nation will be around for another 140 years.



### Chi Deuteron

The brothers at George Washington University, in the middle of D.C., are still remembering the great times that Theta Delts from North America had at the 163<sup>rd</sup> Convention. After being invigorated by the International bonds of brotherhood, Chi Deuteron began their year, which was successful with one exception. Rush did not go as well as expected. They look to rebound in the coming year with the help of the CFO. On positive notes, or the first time in many years, the undergraduates held great philanthropic and alumni events. This is one of the most promising up-and-coming charges that should have 35 members come 2013.

### Delta Deuteron

Located in Berkeley, California, the men of Delta Deuteron are starting to make use of their amazing house. For the first time since the mid 90’s, their house will be filled with brothers only, no boarders. This is due to the great communication and cooperation between the undergraduates and alumni. This piece could go on and on about how they have improved in every aspect, but one of their alumni put it best: “I am sure there are other things that I am missing, but the gist of it is certainly clear: Delta Deuteron is quickly becoming a strong charge that exemplifies the ideals of Theta Delta Chi.”

## Epsilon

The College of William and Mary is the birthplace of fraternities, with the first beginning in 1776. The brothers here are finding their foothold in new living quarters on campus. Over the past two years, they have lost many members to graduation. They will be entering the 2011-2012 year with 12 active members; however, this is not necessarily a negative, since they will have zero seniors next year, which means they won't be losing any members. The brothers of Epsilon are ready to rally and begin next year with a bang during rush. They will be aided by the CFO, which should allow for a doubling in numbers.

## Epsilon Triton

For the first time since their chartering, Epsilon Triton is on the same playing field as the other fraternities at Arizona State. All of the fraternity houses were demolished giving these non-housed brothers a chance to more fairly compete with other fraternities. After their founding fathers all graduated this past year, the Theta Delt's here are struggling to find their identity at this 60,000+ student university. With some alumni outreach from the brotherhood, these men will acquire the resources they need to find that identity, both financially and in the bonds.

## Eta Deuteron

It's a tough life living in Palo Alto, where it's 75 degrees every day of the year. The Theta Delt's at Stanford seem to deal with the harsh conditions easily. In all seriousness, these are bright, talented, and committed men. Eta Deuteron has few, if any, chinks in their armor. They excel at every aspect that a college student/fraternity man can excel. They epitomize what being a Theta Delt should be. On top of that, Eta Deuteron has arguably the best cook around, with a specialty in Mexican food. With their increased sense of International brotherhood, these men are poised to start winning TDX awards.

## Iota Triton

Since their chartering, Iota Triton has been among the strongest charges year in and year out. Greek Life at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth is very meek, but the brothers continue to acquire quality men to join the ranks of Theta Delta Chi. They have a very strong brotherhood that is illustrated all the time. Whether it be playing Call of Duty, basketball, or rolling a Guinness World Record snowball, these brothers care about hanging out, whether they are good or not at the activity in which they are involved. They consistently lead the way by participating in campus events at a university where many other students



do not. Instead of falling into the culture of the school like so many other fraternities, they are leading the way to change it, even after the founding members have graduated. Their efforts should be applauded.

## Kappa

The brothers, headed by Grand Lodge member Matt Amico, do an exceptional job at Kappa. Not only do they consistently have a full house, the members also have made vast improvements to many of the rooms in the chapter house. They have pride in their house and treat it with respect. Shockingly, this is a rare trait to come by nowadays in the generation of entitlement. The brothers will get a chance to show off these improvements when the charge at Tufts University plays host at the 2011 Boston Convention. On Friday night, members of Kappa will offer

was possible. The consensus was that this was near impossible. Marist had it in their bylaws that there was only room for three fraternities and three sororities on campus, and all the slots were filled. This did not deter my friends and me from the process. We thought that if we had enough people interested that they could not turn us down. From there we held interest meetings and were able to attract nearly fifty guys.

Now to put that in prospective, the largest fraternity at that time on campus had thirty members. Soon after that meeting we went back to the school and informed them that we were going to keep trying to start this great fraternity on our campus. They saw our determination and began to explain to us the grueling process of becoming a fraternity at Marist. The process sounded extremely rigorous, but we were ready to take on the challenge.

Over the next months we got the wheels in motion and started preparing the documentation and meeting with the necessary people, but then, something happened that almost jeopardized our entire cause. We left for summer break. During the summer many interested individuals, put Theta Delta Chi on the back burner. When we returned to school in September everyone was involved with the new semester and catching up with our classmates who we had not seen for four months. I brought up the idea again and got little response. I knew then it was going to be up to a select few to get the wheels back in motion. After many motivational conversations, TDX was back

in action. We continued to complete the requirements of Marist/TDX and slowly it was happening!

After writing the by-laws and constitution, obtaining a faculty advisor (one of the most sought after advisors on campus with a well-known hatred of Fraternities, Brother Frank Kelley), and numerous other tasks, we were ready to present to the Marist College Board. Leading up to this we were very nervous, because we knew this was the final step of whether our dream would come true or fall short. Needless to say, we went into that meeting and changed the minds of everyone there. After rigorous questioning, we responded perfectly and persuaded them to allow us to become a part of the Marist College Greek life. After this happened, the word really spread around campus. As soon as we became an official fraternity at Marist College, we ironically also became the largest.

As my brothers and I attended our initiation dinner at the Harvard Club along with the equally new Lambda Triton Charge at Rutgers, we could not have been happier. At this event I met many alumni, which was an amazing experience. Witnessing the strong bonds and connections between the alumni was truly an inspirational experience. I knew then that this would be one of the greatest decisions of my life. Not only because I will have a second family for as long as I live, but also because of enduring the grueling

their house for a BBQ, TDX style. With weather blessings from the Old Lady, the event should be one to remember.

#### **Mu Triton**

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro harbors Theta Delta Chi's charge with the strongest brotherhood, hands down. Things are looking to be the best they have been in the last half decade. After 4 straight semesters of a GPA under 2.5, they are off probation with a GPA of 2.64, which was an unbelievable 0.9 increase from the previous semester. This will be the first semester in recent memory that the brothers of Mu Triton will be able to participate in Inter-Fraternity Council sanctioned rush. Since their house is located quite far off campus, IFC sanctioned rush is crucial in getting their name out to the general student population.

#### **Nu**



Congrats to the brothers at Virginia for a great year. The senior class put on a show this year with their leadership prowess. First, the brothers increased the number of people living in the house, which they have already done again for the 2011-2012 academic year. Also, they held a philanthropy event that had the most women in attendance that a TDX event has ever seen. Almost every sorority on campus was involved in 'Theta-Delta-A-Thon'. The event pitted sororities against each other to see who could run the most laps. The brothers went out to get sponsors and a DJ, and the event had a homemade 'mist-er'. This is expected to become an annual event. With the foundation set, the only question is who will step up and replace this great class of seniors.

#### **Nu Triton**

Coming into the year knowing they would be losing half of their brotherhood to graduation, the brothers at Virginia Tech had their work cut out for them. These men were up to the task. Starting immediately in the fall, Nu Triton became rushing machines. Whether it was having a Halo free-for-all or playing Frisbee golf, they knew how to attract new members. They met their goal of not letting their membership decrease. Over the next year, these men need to keep the same rush mentality and grow their membership in order to never be in this situation again.

#### **Omicron Deuteron**

Theta Delta Chi is Lacrosse at Omicron Deuteron. This is another top-notch academic school where TDX is a sports team. Being able to handle the responsibilities and time commitments of being on a sports team, being in a fraternity, and handling the rigorous academic schedule speaks volumes to the quality of men at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. With their large numbers and excellent alumni base, this charge will continue to be a TDX powerhouse.

#### **Psi Deuteron**

Since the recent re-chartering of Psi Deuteron, they have been under the watchful eye of alumni. Phil Bazan, the 2010 Theta Delt of the Year, is the President of the Alumni Corporation and makes sure that the men at UCLA are always well fed. The charge also makes sure that others are well fed. Many Theta Deltas across the country had the opportunity to dive into this food at the Preamble Institute that took place at UCLA in January. Next year, the brothers expect that the house will be fully housed by Theta Deltas for the first time in nearly twenty years. The brothers of Psi Deuteron are on their way to coming back stronger than they have ever been.

#### **Rho Proteron**

The school that ruined Alabama's BCS Championship hopes and won the NCAA Divi-

sion I baseball title in Omaha, NE is also the school that maintains the SEC's lone TDX charge. Once again, they have moved locations with their unofficial house, making rush extremely difficult on a campus dominated by a Greek row with mansions. With the graduation of the remaining founders, it will be interesting to see who steps up to take the reins. Rho Proteron is a charge that has the ability for their numbers to reach many dozen, but the work has to be put in first.

### Sigma Triton

Usually after a charge wins the Victory Cup, there is a blatant drop off in campus involvement, philanthropic endeavors, and risk management because there is a feeling of 'we are the best, what else is there to do'. This has not been the case of Penn State. These men are trying to make it back-to-back. There hasn't been any slacking whatsoever. In fact, the brotherhood has added philanthropic events and has attended more events of other organizations, making their presence known in the process. Another great achievement at Sigma Triton this year was the renovation of their living and dining rooms by the alumni. Instead of hiring a firm to come do the work, their dedicated alumni used some elbow grease and got to work by putting in new light fixtures, redoing the walls, applying new paint, and making a new trophy room. This is a perfect example of how alumni involvement and success of the charge go hand in hand. The more successful the charge, the more alumni get involved; the more alumni get involved, the greater the success of the charge.



### Theta Deuteron

Along with Kappa, Theta Deuteron plays host at the 2011 Convention in Boston. On Saturday, they have graciously allowed the Educational Foundation's second Minerva session for undergraduates to be held at their house. They will be able to display a new award since Theta Delta Chi won the most improved chapter at MIT. They have improved in every aspect that is involved in being a fraternity. They have increased membership size, grade-point average, number of members living in the house, and even their amazing light/sound system in the basement. With one of the best houses and brotherhoods in TDX, the sky is the limit for these men. A run at the Victory Cup in the coming year would not be unexpected.

### Theta Triton

Beginning the year, the Theta Triton charge was looking strong as ever. Eight of the men moved into a large historic house located in the middle of Binghamton, NY. Then, one of their brothers died. The effects are still being felt by the charge. It has taken much resilience to overcome this horrible tragedy. They look to rebound this year by having a successful rush and not having any more apathetic brothers.

### Xi Deuteron

Any food lovers need to visit the Theta Delta Chi charge in Seattle. Xi Deuteron definitely competes with Stanford for the best fraternity cook. Bernard absolutely seems to be one of the brothers because he has the same values of this esteemed charge that perennially wins International awards. One such instance where this is witnessed is the charge's annual sushi night, where all proceeds are donated. The ENTIRE brotherhood was involved in this event where many help their cook make California rolls and crabcakes for over 200 students to come and enjoy. Philanthropic events aren't the only area that Xi Deuteron excels. They follow the Ritual to the letter. This is the only thing that makes us different from other fraternities. The Ritual is unique to Theta Deltas only. These men make sure, through the Ritual, that they continue the sacred bonds that are shared by TDX across the continent.



process my brothers and I went through to gain recognition, would change our lives forever. Starting TDX at Marist College was the hardest and most time consuming thing I have ever encountered. Throughout the process I learned a lot about myself and the character of my brothers. At that moment at the Harvard Club I knew that Theta Delta Chi would not only aid me in becoming a better man, but also assist me in many other aspects of my life, and wow was I right.

After graduation, like most, I began the job interviewing process. I had my resumé perfected and was ready to answer questions on all of my internships. As I was sitting in an interview for the position of a Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, I was a little nervous. The first thing the manger said after reviewing my resume was, "you started a fraternity?" At that point all of my nerves faded away and a smile came across my face. The manager was intrigued and I spent over twenty minutes talking about Theta Delta Chi and the process of starting it. Within the next month I received the job offer. I can confidently say that Theta Delta Chi distinguished me from my competition and allowed me to obtain my dream job.

I am currently working at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in New York City. Lately I have been reaching out to alumni inquiring about events in NYC. To my surprise I discovered there are not many events held in NYC. Most of the events are



Charge-specific. Recently I was invited to a TDX Hobart event at P.J. Clarke's in NYC. I was a little hesitant to attend because I was not a Hobart graduate, but I decided to go anyway. When I arrived I was welcomed as if I were Hobart alumni. Geoff Fitzgerald, Charles Johnson and Cameron Lochhead (to name a few) made me feel right at home by introducing me to other brothers.

It was amazing to meet all of the alumni and see them interact with each other. It was as if they were back in college. Witnessing this really motivated me to write this article to try to spark interest among alumni as well as undergrads. I feel it is our duty to help our brothers, especially undergraduates who are looking to enter the real world. Being a part of Theta Delta Chi is an extraordinary privilege. To be associated with such a quality class of men is truly an honor. I will be working with other alumni in the Tri-State area to try and set up some events. If you have any interest in this please contact me at [Stephen.B.Stafutti@mssb.com](mailto:Stephen.B.Stafutti@mssb.com) or 1-212-315-6235. I look forward to hearing from you and hope we can set up something unforgettable.

It is essential that Theta Delta Chi continues to uphold their strong bonds, especially after graduation.

In the Bonds,

Stephen Stafutti

If you are interested please contact me.

## Zeta

One of the largest charges in TDX, the brothers of the Zeta charge represent one of the most improved charges. These men make up most of the football team at Brown. For those who have never played a collegiate sport, it is extremely difficult to have correct time management and stamina to get through each day. The brothers do this with ease at a Division I football and Ivy League institution, while most are majoring in economics or some other division I major. The men here used to be a risk management issue, but now they are one of the best charges in Theta Delta Chi.

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## Beta Deuteron

Beta Deuteron has made tremendous strides in the right direction this past academic year. When I arrived, the brothers were having trouble recruiting new members. By the end of the fall semester, however, they nearly doubled in size and had almost every room in the house filled. The brothers of Beta Deuteron are a very close knit group, which will make it easier for them to recruit in the future. Their ritual is by far one of the best I have seen during my travels for Theta Delta Chi, and they are an extremely organized group of men. An area for them to improve upon would be engaging with fellow Greeks on the ISU campus and other student organizations. If you plan to visit, be sure that you do not bring your phone to the dinner table or you will be singing for all of the brothers.

## Gamma Deuteron

Gamma Deuteron has improved immensely from the fall semester to the spring semester. They had a great new member class in the fall with many members that will be influential for the advancement of this charge. I think they should try to be more open to the personalities of the potential new members during rush week. I also believe they need to hold their weekly meeting in a room on campus instead of holding the meetings in their condo complex.

## Gamma Triton

Michigan State was one of the funniest charges to interact with. The range of personalities in the house really encompasses what Theta Delta Chi is all about. Gamma Triton brothers have a lot of heart and care about the survival of their charge. I would like to see them improve on campus and community relations, along with communication with potential new members. If they improve on these traits, I believe they will become one of the strongest charges of Theta Delta Chi.

## Lambda Deuteron

Oh how I miss the Great White North! The brothers of Lambda Deuteron are some of the most entertaining people you will ever interact with. Their accents make the experience that much more enjoyable. Convention 2012 will show you all how great a charge Lambda Deuteron is. They hold some of the most organized meetings, with a near perfect ritual, that I have seen during my travels. Improvements in recruitment and interaction with fellow Greeks will help this charge aid in strengthening this charge.

## Lambda Triton

Victory Cup Champions in my opinion!

## Psi

The brothers from Psi remain under College suspension for a new member incident in the spring of 2010, but are expected to be recognized again this fall. They do need to communicate with the dean of the university and set up some sort of community awareness event. They also need to settle their debt with the CFO and have better communication with the charge consultants.

## Sigma Deuteron

The brothers of Sigma Deuteron are a great group of guys with many different personalities in the house. They did well during recruitment, but I believe that they can bring in more members than their average over the past couple of years. I would give them a B- when it comes to ritual and organization. They rose over \$1,000 for Autism Speaks, which is phenomenal. For upcoming year, I would like to see these men work on the cleanliness of their house, doubling up the occupants per room, and understanding the importance of ritual.

## Tau Triton

Tau Triton has a lot of heart and determination to become one of the strongest charges of Theta Delta Chi. They are willing to learn and listen to suggestions on how to improve their charge. This is probably their best attribute. The university officials at Marist College have nothing but good things to say about the Brothers of Tau Triton. I would like to see them improve on recruitment, organizational skills, ritual, and philanthropic events.



## Upsilon Deuteron

Upsilon Deuteron is definitely a contender for this year's Victory Cup. They excel in academics, philanthropic events, campus relations, community service, organization, ritual, and much more. Many of the Upsilon Deuteron undergraduates and alumni were very influential in the installation of our newest charge, Upsilon Triton. If were not for these brothers serving the Old Lady, I believe Upsilon Triton would not be where there are today. I highly recommend brothers from other charges to visit Upsilon Deuteron.



## Upsilon Triton

Our newest Big Ten charge at Indiana University has come a long way since the fall of 2009. The brothers of Upsilon Triton have gone through a lot of ups and downs in their first year as a colony and as a charge as most groups go through growing pains. Their chartering and chartering banquet were a couple highlights while I was on staff...allegory. When the brothers of Upsilon Triton returned to IU after their chartering banquet, they signed seven new members and initiated them later in the spring. I believe they need to work on organization and Roberts Rules during their meetings. If the brothers improve on these two things alone, I believe other aspects of the structure of the organization will fall into place.

## Xi

The determination of undergraduate members and alumni had to gain recognition from the university says so much about this group. It took over four years to achieve charter status, which took place this past January. The majority of the Brothers of Xi are involved in campus activities and athletics. The alumni are very helpful in teaching the undergraduates their local traditions and gaining a strong presence back on campus. Improvements can be made in their understanding of the international fraternity.

## How few can affect many

**Omicron Deuteron** is the most recent example of what being in a fraternity means. They raised over \$51,000 in the 30th Annual Prouty Fundraiser, in which students biked and rowed to raise money for the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center's Norris Cotton Cancer Center. One Omi Deut, Thomas Patek '13, helped their cause immensely by contributing over \$30,000 to the aforementioned figure. The TDX team consisted of 31 members and raised the most money out of any Dartmouth College team.

**Sigma Triton** kept their image going of being a perennial powerhouse among TDX charges in philanthropy. One of the great aspects of this charge at Penn State is that they are always trying to combine Philanthropy with fun. At the beginning of school, they created a Fantasy Football league with almost 30 other fraternities and sororities where each team paid an entry fee and a large portion was donated to charity.

## William F. Love, Jr.

Bill Love, Psi '52 (Hamilton) a mainstay of Psi Charge, died in June at the age of 81. Bill served as Graduate Treasurer of the Grand Lodge 1985-88 and on the Board of the Educational Foundation at various times. His service to Psi Charge included being President of the House Corporation from the late 1960s to 1991, and Treasurer thereafter until 2008.



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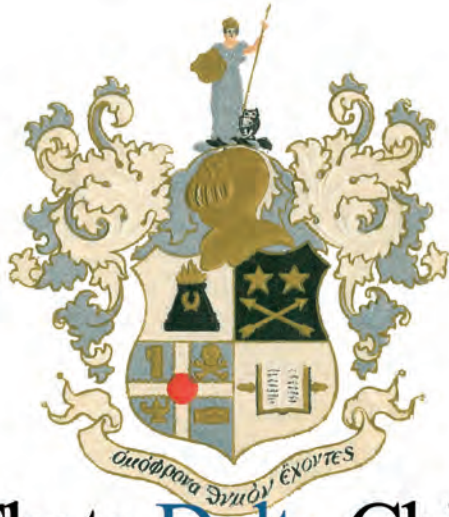
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