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**It's a great Day to be a Theta Delt!
July 2021**

Xi Triton Holds Virtual Initiation

Due to judicial sanctions, Xi Triton Charge had been unable to operate and initiate new members since 2018. Through the collaborative efforts of the undergraduates, alumni and the Central Fraternity Office (CFO), the Charge submitted a Reform Plan to the University at Albany - SUNY and was able to resume operations in March 2021. As a result and for the first time since 2018, the Charge welcomed seven new members into their Brotherhood, all of which are committed to a healthy and strong re-establishment of Xi Triton Charge. Their (virtual) initiation was conducted on the evening of June 16 by members of the Educational Foundation, Grand Lodge and CFO Staff. The new members of the Charge are:



- Matthew Colvell, Xi Triton '24
- Aidan Morgan, Xi Triton '23
- JP Aliprantis, Xi Triton '23
- Christopher Baranello, Xi Triton '22
- Jordan Warno, Xi Triton '23
- Anthony Giangrasso, Xi Triton '23
- Frank Massa, Xi Triton '23

Also pictured:

Executive Director

Brian Bertges, Sigma Triton '00

Educational Consultant

Rick Wood, Gamma Triton '73

Director of Charge Operations

Julian Weller, Mu Triton '19

Vice President of the Educational Foundation

Jeff Horton, Nu Triton '90

Undergraduate Member of the Grand Lodge

Joe Alvarez-Rivero, Psi Tetraton '21

Meet Our Newest Charge Consultant

Drew Johnson, Beta Deuteron '20 joined the CFO staff July 1, 2021 as the new Charge Consultant for Theta Delta Chi. Drew grew up outside of Chicago and has a life-long affiliation with Theta Delta Chi. Drew has been around Theta Delts since infancy, as his father is Bro. Doug Johnson, Epsilon Triton '89. Drew joined Theta Delta Chi during his freshman year and moved into the Beta Deuteron Charge House where he lived all four years until his graduation. While there, he was the Public Relations Chair, Historian, Recruitment Chair, Kitchen Steward, New Member Educator, and Charge Vice President.

After graduating with a degree in finance, Drew decided to hit the road for the next year to gain a perspective on American society during the time of COVID. He traveled through 21 different states, mostly by car, and for some nights, his car was his home. During this adventure, he was self-employed generating income using apps like Instacart and DoorDash, and some side income by buying/selling Pokemon cards on websites like eBay and Mercari.

Check out some of his video posts to experience what this adventure was like and the lessons he learned.

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In his own words, "I am excited for the next chapter of my life, where I will be dedicating my time and energy to serving an organization that has provided so much for me. I am honored to be the next Charge Consultant for Theta Delta Chi."

Please welcome Drew with an email to djohnson@tdx.org.

Register for Convention

Time is running out! The 174th (virtual) Convention is almost here, and you still have time to register and participate in this year's events. Everyone is invited to attend the Minerva Sessions, General Business Sessions, Social Events, the PGL Reception and the Awards Presentation. Do miss this opportunity to be a part of this 174-year tradition. Register today at <https://tdxconvention.org>. There is no cost, so register, and use the convention to connect with your Brothers and to develop your intellectual, moral and social being.

Summer Meetings

CFO Staff is putting together a variety of meetings for officers during the summer to help with assisting Charges get up and running again as we emerge from pandemic shut-downs. There are a set of challenges to being on campus again. Watch your email for notices about these meetings.

Several Charges have already requested recruitment workshops to prepare for Fall 2021 in-person recruitment at many of our campuses. Contact Director of Charge Operations, Julian Weller at jweller@tdx.org to schedule a workshop for your Charge.

Diversity Equity And Inclusion

DEI Committees are meeting and have begun their work to make Theta Delta Chi an even more responsive, diverse, and welcoming organization. Every Charge is expected to participate so ask your representative for a report on what is happening and how each and every one of us can participate.

Exceptional Brothers Doing Exceptional Things : TDX and the Olympics

The Tokyo Olympics are upon us, though not without a normal amount of controversy. Our records show that Theta Delta Chi has been proudly represented by four men at past Olympics, and we salute their achievements. If you are aware of other brothers who have competed in the Olympics, please let us know so that we can add their names to our records.



Edward Marsh, Nu Deuteron (Lehigh University) 1894 did all his rowing in Philadelphia on the Schuylkill

River for the Vesper Boat Club. With them, he won six U.S. and two Canadian national titles, all prior to 1902. At the 1900, Game of the II Olympiad in Paris, Brother Marsh was part of the gold medal eight-man rowing team.

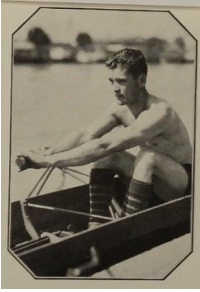


Edward "Ed" Ferdinand Jacob Lindberg, Kappa Deuteron (University of Illinois) 1909 was a multi-sport athlete and Olympian. He won the AAU championship for the 440 yd in 1909 and 1911. At the 1912 Games of the V Olympiad in Stockholm, Sweden, Brother Lindberg won the bronze medal in the 400m and was a winner of the gold medal in the Men's 4 x 400m relay, running the second leg. This relay team set a new world record of 3 minutes and 16.6 seconds. At the same Olympics, he competed in the baseball event, which was held as a demonstration sport.



Leon Tuck, Omicron Deuteron (Dartmouth College) 1915, was an American ice hockey player who competed in the 1920 Games of the VII Olympiad in Antwerp, Belgium. Born in Melrose, Massachusetts, he was a defenseman on the United States team during the first Olympic ice hockey competition (also was the first World Championships), winning the silver medal. Canada won the gold medal defeating Sweden in the finals.

John "Jack" Brinck, Delta Deuteron (University of California at Berkley) 1929 rowed second seat for the American Coved Eights which won the 1928 gold medal at the Games of the IX Olympiad in Amsterdam,



Netherlands. Brinck was later murdered in 1934 under unusual circumstances. He was driving from Falfurrias to Harlingen, Texas, when he picked up a hitch-hiker, 16-year-old William Osborne. Osborne then robbed and killed Brinck, shooting him in the right temple, robbing him of a mere \$70.



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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 rwood@tdx.org.

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