



Today is a GREAT day to be a Theta Delt

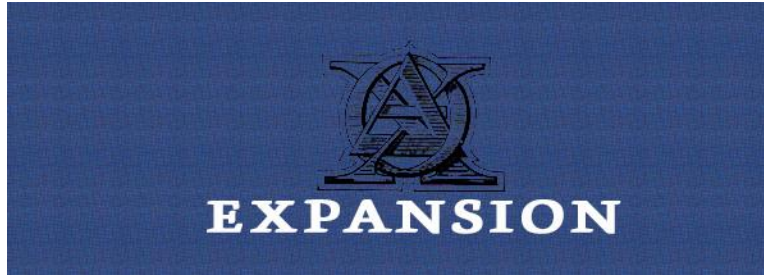


RECRUITMENT WORKSHOP TIME

With the recruitment season at hand, there are several things to be thinking about:

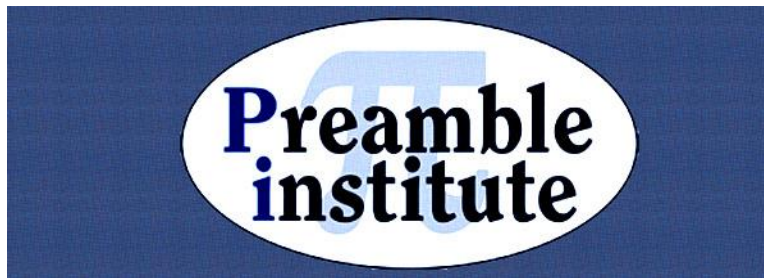
1. ALL recruitment events are to be alcohol-free
2. If you need help planning for recruitment OR would like a recruitment workshop, please contact the CFO at glstaff@tdx.org, and a workshop and assistance will be provided.
3. A standardized TDX bid card is available for Charge use. The templates for each Charge and ordering information can be found in MyTDX.org>Files>Shared by International Office>Art. The CFO can assist with the ordering process.

Please remember to be on the lookout for veterans of the armed services. A veteran brings a wealth of experience and leadership skills to any Charge. Theta Delta Chi waives the initiation fee for veterans with the submission of appropriate verification (DD214). Please contact the CFO for full details.



THE REBIRTH OF OMICRON TRITON

The ballot to ratify the chartering of the Omicron Triton Charge passed unanimously. Forty-seven members were initiated on Saturday, November 12, 2022. The Omicron Triton Charge has returned to the active rolls of Theta Delta Chi. Originally founded in 1963 and closed in 2001, the drive behind the re-chartering of the Omicron Triton Charge was begun by Luke Jones, Omicron Triton '25, son of Gregg Jones, Omicron Triton '88. It is great to see the flame of eternal brotherhood was lit by Gregg, and the torch has been passed to his son.



REGISTRATION

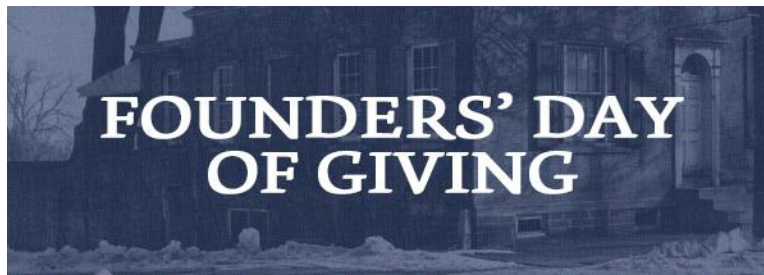
The 2023 Preamble Institute will begin on Friday, January 13th, in Richmond, Virginia. Each Charge is required to send one delegate to participate and become an institute graduate. The curriculum scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday is geared towards rising leaders in Theta Delta Chi. Delegates gain an increased understanding of the Fraternity, their personal leadership, and how to utilize the two to grow their Charge. The Preamble Institute was first held in 2007. The program has grown and developed over the years. It continues at no additional cost to the registered delegate and the Charges. This is made possible through the allocation of funds from the Grand Lodge and support through Grants from the Educational Foundation. This year's delegates must register by December 2nd. Travel plans will be booked or confirmed by staff on behalf of the delegates no later than December 7th. CFO Staff, the Grand Lodge, the Educational Foundation, and our volunteer facilitators are looking forward to the continued support and development of Theta Delta Chi through this values-based leadership retreat.

Additional delegates may register at the Charge's expense. Please contact CFO Staff for details.



UNDERGRADUATE SHIELD ARTICLE

Annually, the Founders' Corporation of Theta Delta Chi names a Lindburgh-Downing-Huffman award winner, recognizing one outstanding undergraduate-authored article in *the Shield*. In addition to a certificate, the author receives a \$250 prize. If you would like to submit an article, please email glstaff@tdx.org. The subject line should be 2023 LDH-Name, Charge. All article submissions must have a title. Pictures may be included.



While many of us found ways to celebrate October 31st, Theta Delta Chi's Founders' Day, The Educational Foundation celebrated by smashing their one-day goal for fundraising of \$70,000. The Foundation raised \$77,239.31 from 295 donors. These funds will go towards grant and scholarship programs. These funds help to fund the Minerva Sessions at Convention, the Preamble Institute, and numerous Charge based projects. At the 175th Annual Convention, approximately \$25,000 in scholarships were awarded.

For information on applying for a grant from the Educational Foundation, please contact the CFO at glstaff@tdx.org or by clicking here for [Grant Instructions and Checklist](#). These materials can also be found by going to:

MyTDX.org>More>Files>Shared by International Office>Scholarships-Grants and Recognition Programs.



A Theta Delta Chi Tie makes a great stocking stuffer. Several parents have already purchased them for their sons. This 175th Convention favor is available for purchase. Quantities of 1, 2, 5, and 10 are available. Need a different amount? Email glstaff@tdx.org. The ties are silk and cost twenty-five dollars each, and all orders ship for five dollars. A limited quantity is available. Here is the link to purchase.



SPECTEMUR AGENDO

- Theta Delta Chi - Michigan State University Brotherhood of the Year Award
- Brendan Best, Gamma Triton '23 - Michigan State University Outstanding New Member of the Year
- Nolan Girven, Gamma Triton '23 – Michigan State University Chapter President of the Year
- Sawyer McClure, Gamma Triton '25 – Michigan State University IFC President

CHARGE SPOTLIGHT

Rho Triton Charge at the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond, VA. was originally Chartered in 1970, closed in 2008, and rechartered in 2018. The Charge boasts one of the largest, most active, and involved alumni associations in Theta Delta Chi. The Charge has hosted two conventions, one Preamble Institute (PI), and is hosting the 2023 PI.

The Charge maintained a close-knit brotherhood with small events restricted to just brothers during Covid. While this was good for the group, it created difficulties for recruitment. Recruitment is a major emphasis for Rho Triton, and they have reached out to the CFO staff for assistance and are implementing many of the suggested changes to move from a Rush model to a 365-Recruitment model. The Charge is anticipating two recruitment cycles during the Spring term using the new 365 recruitment rules in place with VCU. They are working hard to remain successful and viable on an urban campus. They work within the rules and regulations and work to maintain a values-based organization.

Another goal is to maintain a strong GPA. They have consistently been in the top two or three fraternities. They work at creating positive interactions with their local community by participating in community clean-ups as Charge. They view these opportunities not only as a way to serve their community but also as a way to maintain the strong bonds of brotherhood and as a recruitment activity.

Philanthropy is going well with Rho Triton, sponsoring the second annual fall festival, which raised \$7,000. The Children's Hospital of Richmond matched this, and the Charge will have a room named after them in the hospital with a plaque to commemorate the achievement. They have become more engaged with non-Greek groups in the VCU community, such as other charitable organizations, a multi-cultural group on campus, and numerous live bands in the Richmond area. Rho Triton, while small, works hard at living out the values of our brotherhood as described in the Preamble.

EXCEPTIONAL
BROTHERS
DOING
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THINGS:

The name Frank Thomas may not be known to most of us, but his work has been seen by hundreds of millions of people around the world. Frank Thomas, Eta Deuteron, 1933 (Stanford University) was one of the lead animators for Walt Disney. He was known as one of the “Nine Old Men” at Disney Studios, the creator of numerous characters such as [singing and dancing Pinocchio](#), [Bambi and Thumper skating](#) on ice, and [Lady and the Tramp eating spaghetti](#). At the Beta Deuteron Charge, he is known as the man known as the artist who created the Thumper character the Charge has used for decades as a mascot.

After graduating from Stanford, Bro. Thomas attended the Chouinard Art Institute and joined the Walt Disney Corporation in 1934. In 1942, he joined the U.S. Air Force, and upon his discharge in 1946, he returned to work at Disney Studios and remained there until his retirement in 1978. He died in 2004 from a cerebral hemorrhage.

He believed the key to successful animation was personality. He once said, “Until a character becomes a personality, it cannot be believed. Without personality, the character may do funny or interesting things, but unless people can identify with the character, its actions will seem unreal. He worked on nearly 20 animated features throughout his career, including Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, The Jungle Book, and One Hundred and One Dalmatians.

His spirit lives on through his art and continues to be enjoyed by millions worldwide. Frank Thomas is the co-author of the book, [The Illusion of Life: Disney Animation](#), which is seen as the definitive work on animation.