

# Theta Gamma Fraternity

FOUNDED IN 1912  
GRAND COUNCIL

Office of Grand Secretary and Treasurer

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CONFIDENTIAL

Dear President and members,

The State University Board of Trustees announced Thursday night, October 8, 1953, that no National Fraternity or Sorority would be sponsored at any unit of the State University. This means that Chapters at State Institutions can only be local chapters and can not belong to a National Organization.

Through a State University Official, I have obtained an unofficial ruling that Theta Gamma will not be affected by this ruling because it is within the State University of New York and is indirectly controlled by the State University. Every Chapter in Theta Gamma is sponsored and directed by the local administration of each institution. We are a "State-Wide Fraternity". Our Grand Council is elected by the members of Theta Gamma at an annual convention. We have no National governing body. In view of the above State University ruling we must curtail aspirations of Nationalizing and confine our Chapters to State affiliated or State aided schools.

I feel that there is no reason why we can not carry on as we have in the past. I have been told that I will be informed by Albany if we can not carry on. However, at present, they see no reason why we should be affected by the State University's ruling as stated. Whatever the State University's ruling is or may be, let us conform to this ruling and not criticize or act in any way that we could be criticized.

We have attempted at all times during the 41 years we have existed to maintain high standards and be of general help and service to the schools in which Chapters were formed. The interpretation that we can remain active within the State University is to our credit. This is our opportunity to carry on in the best way we can and give our continued support to our individual schools.

The Grand Council will keep you informed and be very glad to answer any questions you may have. I will be glad to accept one Collect telephone call from the President of your Chapter to clarify any points. (Lakewood, N.Y. 2342)

Yours in the Bonds,

William H. Schlifke  
Lakewood, N.Y.

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