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of
Theta Gamma
Fraternity
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Dedication

To Mr. Patrick Boire Alpha Fall 1984 / Nu Founding Father Fort Edward, NY

Grand Council Advisor — Lifetime Position
Grand Editor — Early 90's
President, NTG, Inc. — Early 2000's
Nu Chapter President — 1987-1988
Alpha Chapter Secretary — 1985-1986

This year's dedication goes out to a brother who exemplifies chapter unity and has spent the past three and a half decades fostering brotherhood in a legendary manner that serves as a model for all to follow. PB's Theta Gamma roots began at Alpha Chapter where he pledged in Fall '84. Since that time, his love for Theta Gamma has led to a life of service that included Founding Nu Chapter in SUNY Plattsburgh. After founding Nu, PB was a driving force behind the re-establishment of the Grand Council. PB's dedication to our organization has been ongoing since then, and has served as a mentor, advisor, confidant and friend to generations of brothers, never wavering in his support or love. PB's ongoing contributions include his elite woodworking skills building Nu's Founding Father's paddle, Nu's Veterans Paddle Alpha's 100-year anniversary paddle and has built and refurbished numerous other TG relics.

PB truly bleeds black and gold, always with a smile on his face and a tool belt on his hip. This dedication goes out to the one and only Patrick Boire. We love you PB, thanks for all that you have done and all that you will continue to do for us.

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JOSEPH C. BITHORN
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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

To the illustrious Brothers of the best damn fraternity in the land: Welcome to Theta Gamma! It is my pride and pleasure to be presenting this year's Bulletin. Call it a newsletter, an annual report of TG, or maybe even a brotherhood manifesto, this precious document has lasted the test of time. Some of the best historical writings of Theta Gamma in its early days are eternalized in the Bulletins dating back to the first few decades of our noble order. Over the years, The Theta Gamma Bulletin has been a symbol of our strength. The strength, however, not in body, but in mind. Through the written word, simple ideas, such as truthfulness and worthiness, have developed into an ideology with arcane meanings and truths. This ideology has been founded on the basis of intellectual philosophy; of deep thought and critical thinking; and of moral courage. Because of the plethora of information and depth of significance The Bulletins of Theta Gamma contains, it should be noted that the content of this issue, and the ones preceding it, be for the eyes of Brothers only! Just as significant to the neophyte is his pledge manual, so too the councilman is his Bulletin.

It is my belief that the collective wisdom of today's mentors can inspire the neophytes and leadership of tomorrow. As your Editor, it is my duty to help facilitate. I have to admit, however, that I could not have done this alone. I am just a humble servant, a mere collaborator. If it were not for the contributions of literature you are about to read, from the minds of the leaders of this great fraternity, The Bulletin would cease to exist. Over the course of the last few months, I have been honored to have interacted with the authors of this Bulletin. I have been first to witness their thought processes, and in some cases, have been their 'Editing Grammar Nazi'! Being involved with the creation of this document only helps to deepen my understanding and respect of our noble order. I would like to thank these brothers for their submissions, and the fact that they all contributed in a timely manner. To everyone else, I hope you all enjoy reading this year's Bulletin and appreciate what it represents.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED MASTER

Brothers All,

It is my honor once again to be writing to you for the Grand Council Bulletin. This coming fall will mark my twenty seventh year as Brother of Theta Gamma, and in that time I have served our Fraternity in several capacities and in different ways. I am a member of the Grand Council, and have held the offices of Historian, Vice Grand Exalted Master, and Grand Exalted Master. I have been a member of the Delta chapter Corporate Board since its establishment, held the office of Vice President, and still hold a seat on its board of Directors. Over the years I have fulfilled my financial obligations to the Fraternity, made monetary donations to all of our chapters, and have donated countless hours of labor toward house projects. I take great pride in each of these things, however it is my time as an active member that I am most proud of. Pride not in my own accomplishments, rather a great pride in what Theta Gamma was in that era.

As a first semester student in the fall of 1991 I moved into a dorm room two doors down the hall from three roommates who were members of Delta Theta Gamma. They were volunteers on the dormitory move in crew. Those three men assisted not only myself, but many new students in getting settled in our new home for our first day in Delhi. Their help did not end there because, over the next several weeks those men, as well as the other four members of the fraternity at that time, became friends and mentors to many of us. Yet, as kind to us as those men were, and as well as they treated us, those seven men shared a special bond among themselves. They shared a secret, and I can still to this day recall how badly I wanted to know what that secret was. I can still remember their response whenever someone would inquire about their Fraternity, which was "Pledge and find out." So along with my ten pledge brothers I did.

The Delta chapter had been lost for fifteen years when in fall of 1990 it was reestablished by just three men. The following spring semester saw the addition of five more members, and when my pledge class crossed over in 1991 our ranks had grown to eighteen men, and we had a total of \$301.99 in our treasury. We dedicated ourselves to living according to the secrets revealed to us through the rituals of Theta Gamma. We worked tirelessly to build our chapters' strength in every way possible. By the spring of 1993 when my days of active membership came to an end we had a membership of twenty-five men, a treasury of \$1531.39, and a house account of \$1942.62. The list of varied accomplishments the Delta chapter achieved over those first three years after being reestablished is too long to be listed in this letter.

The Late 1980's and the 1990's were a period of great strength, and growth for Theta Gamma Fraternity in general. The Alpha and Gamma chapters were thriving with strong membership, and full chapter houses. There was the founding of Nu chapter, the reestablishment of the Grand Council, the founding of Rho chapter, the reestablishment of Delta chapter, the founding of Pi chapter, and an unprecedented desire for unity and communication between chapters. However, I am not writing this just to reminisce about the good old days. Rather, I believe that some of our younger members are unaware, and some may have forgotten that these things were overwhelmingly accomplished by the active membership at the active chapters, and with all of the chapters working in a spirit of cooperation.

I am writing this letter in an appeal to the younger members of the Fraternity especially the current active brothers, and those soon to come. Theta Gamma is in your hands, it is your desires, aspirations, and actions which will determine the future of the Fraternity. Over the past decade our Fraternity has been in decline, and the pace of that decline increases with every passing year. I am asking you to not only put an end to this decline, but to also turn us around, and lead us in the other direction.

I believe that much of this current trend can be attributed to a downward spiral in societal norms which are contrary to the fundamental beliefs and standards of Theta Gamma. Such as the ever increasing sense of entitlement in this nation, the ever increasing lack of privacy and secrecy brought about by the misuse and abuse of technology throughout the world, the everyone gets a trophy mentality, and an apparent apathy when it comes to success or failure, just to name a few. However, I also believe that addressing these issues is the first step in setting Theta Gamma back on the path to growth, and strengthening its future. Before we take that first step there is one basic realization that must be agreed upon, and that is we are different. We hold ourselves to a higher standard than that of the world around us. We believe in truthfulness, and worthiness. We believe in the conquering power of love. We desire to better ourselves, and in so doing we better the lives of those around us. These are things which we pride ourselves in.

No member of Theta Gamma is entitled to any of the benefits that brotherhood can provide; the benefits of brotherhood are earned. We earn the rights of brotherhood in many ways such as pledging, living according to the oaths we have sworn, and fulfilling our financial obligations to name just a few. Failure to live up to the standards of Theta Gamma, or fulfill the obligations set forth by the governing bodies of the chapters, or those set by the Grand Council may be cause for the loss of any if not all of the rights of brotherhood.

Technology offers us tools these days that the brothers of the past could only dream of, and if utilized properly they have the potential of helping to assist us in a successful future. These technological tools, just like any other tool, if used incorrectly can do more harm than good. I think it is important that we take the time to think about and discuss the proper use of these tools when it comes to our Fraternity. How do we maintain the secrets and mysteries of Theta Gamma in a day when practically everyone has a video camera in their pocket at all times? How do we ensure that our rituals, our meetings, our private conversations remain within the walls of our Brotherhood? These are questions we must ask, and answer as we move forward.

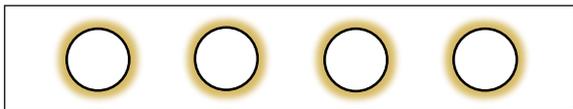
Not everyone in this world is a winner, and no one is guaranteed success. I firmly believe in the concept that all men are created equal. That equality ends at the moment of creation however. From that point on, a man is what he makes of himself. In the end a man's life can be quantified through his actions. If a man lives his life according to what is professed through the teachings of Theta Gamma, that man will be a cut above the rest. To be a Theta Gamma man in the true sense of its meaning requires much more than wearing a shirt with our letters embroidered upon it. It requires a commitment, and dedication to the Brotherhood which often requires self-sacrifice.

If you, the youngest of our membership, are not willing to fight for the future of Theta Gamma, if you sit idly by with letters on your shirts waiting for the benefits of Brotherhood to be bestowed upon you, then all will be lost. I have never been known to cherry coat anything, and I am not about to start now. There is great concern among the older members of our Fraternity that the current direction we are going in will continue,

and that you do not have the will, nor the desire to change. I know that in that era of the late 1980's and 1990's that I mentioned previously we would have taken that as a challenge, what's more we would have fought tooth and nail to prove them wrong. What will you do?

There are many older brothers willing to guide, and support you in any endeavors which provide for the betterment of the Fraternity, but they are not going to do it for you. Since the beginning, in the days of our founders when, with the guidance of Dr. James Milford Payson, the cornerstones of the foundation of our Fraternity were set. Our brothers have sought the wisdom and advice of the men who came before them, but they were not, nor are we mind readers. So I close with this, we cannot help you if we do not know what you need help with. We cannot help you if you are unwilling to help yourselves. If you have questions do not guess at the answers, if you don't know, you don't know, ask.

Always In The Bonds,
Patrick D. Carey
Grand Exalted Master



VICE GRAND EXALTED MASTER

Brothers All,

Once again, it is an honor to be serving you as a representative of the Grand Council. This is setting up to be a very exciting year in our organization's history. It seems every time I turn around, I meet new psyched brothers and reinvigorated alumni. Now, for the first time since I've been initiated, there are realistic opportunities for us to expand. As a Grand Council, we have discussed some much needed changes that will help us grow as a fraternity. The future looks bright indeed. When I pledged back in October of 2002, there was always one phrase that Jeff Berkman said to me that still resonates with me to this day. I use it as a motivational tool daily: *"What have you done for your mother lately?"*

This organization has done so much for me. I've made friendships that will last a lifetime. I've learned to become a mature adult by learning life lessons from other alumni. I owe this organization so much that I feel that I need to reciprocate every day. That's why I'm a member of this Grand Council. That's why I will continue to serve this organization until The day I die.

As we turn the page in our history I ask all of you to think about the aforementioned phrase and offer your assistance to the Grand Council, corporate boards, and active chapters by any means possible. We all need to work together if we want to survive. Whether you pledge in the fall or the spring, 1912 or 2017, or whatever chapter you came from, remember that we all went through the same four walls. We all gave the same oath. Let's all unify, give this fraternity all that we can, and make our mother proud.

Long live Theta Gamma!
Joseph Alamia
Vice Grand Exalted Master

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GRAND HISTORIAN

Greetings Brothers,

Well another year has passed by and we are entering into our 106th year of existence. A lot has changed in those years but many things have remained the same. The reason our brotherhood has stood the test of time is brothers over the course of our history have taken on the challenges and overcome them. Our brotherhood will continue to flourish as long as there are brothers willing to give their time and commit to the betterment of Theta Gamma. I take pride in keeping our history so that future generations of brothers can look back and reflect upon it. How can you know where you are going if you do not know where you came from?

Forever in The Bonds
Roger Willingham
Grand Historian.

For a blast from the past, be sure to read the last article of this Bulletin entitled: "Your Historian Says" by former Grand Historian, J. Leonard Miller – Beta '25

GRAND ALUMNI SECRETARY

Hello Brothers

It's going to be a long year. Greek life all across the nation has been heavily criticized. Nevertheless, we encourage you to keep up the quality service and philanthropic work of your chapters. Welcome, all the new alumni from all active chapters. The support and endless hours that you put toward the fraternity is remarkable. As an Alumni, keep Theta Gamma strong and close to your heart. There is always the saying: "it's hard to be a pledge", but then you become a brother and realize that it's harder to be a brother. Later on, you will graduate and go on with your life. You will probably get a family of your own and work every day. It's there when you realize that you are no longer living at the fraternity house. Nevertheless, Theta Gamma will always be there within you. There are people like you who wonder "is there a place for me in TG after I'm old and grey?" The answer to that is "Yes, Sir!" The fraternal spirit is in the everyday life. Fun Fact: brothers keep in contact with each other more often than before since we are all connected with technology. If you want to keep your support for all of Theta Gamma or find out about activities, please send a message through Thetagamma.com or follow us on Facebook at our official group Theta Gamma Fraternity.

Sincerely,
Angely Ortega
Grand Alumni Secretary

CALLING ALL COUNCILMEN!!!

ASK NOT WHAT THETA GAMMA CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THETA GAMMA! ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DEEPENING YOUR BONDS IN ALL THINGS TG? WELL ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GET TO WORK! THERE'S MUCH TO DO AND NOT ENOUGH BROTHERS VOLUNTEERING TO DO IT. WHETHER IT'S ASSISTING THE ACTIVES, SERVING ON A CORPORATE BOARD, OR WORKING WITH THE GRAND COUNCIL, ALL IS HELPFUL AND WELCOME. LIKE THE SAYING GOES, "YOU THINK PLEDGING WAS HARD... BEING A BROTHER IS HARDER."

FOUNDERS DAY DINNER

January 21st, 2018



Fellow Councilmen, The Founder's Day celebration and dinner was held again this year at the Payson/Miller House. Starting with brother and Alpha board member Ray Barney giving a tutorial on the proper procedure to conduct a formal meeting. Followed by a practice session and Corp. board meeting. The meeting was followed by a formal dinner with a "melt in your mouth", BBQ beef brisket as the main entree, accompanied with rosemary roasted carrots and potatoes and all the fixings. Great conversation and memories were shared. Thanks to all who could make it, and were looking forward to seeing even more brothers next year.

---- Don Sendlak F'77 ----

ETHICS LETTER ADDRESSING SOCIAL MEDIA

Brothers,

During the 2017 Grand Council Convention a discussion was held regarding ethics, and how they apply to our membership. Several concerns were brought up by the brothers in attendance. The topic of greatest concern was that of conduct with

regards to social media. What is acceptable behavior, and what are our organizations expectations of a member when they are communicating on any of the many social media websites? Several examples of brothers making derogatory remarks, making threats, posting photos and videos of questionable nature, and revealing information intended to remain within the confines of our Brotherhood were brought up. These most certainly are valid concerns which deserve to, and must be, addressed.

When the Grand Council Code of Conduct was enacted as part of the By-Laws of the Theta Gamma Fraternity Constitution social media as we know it today did not exist. That being said, the time has come for us to incorporate a set of guidelines, and policies, within our Code of Conduct that reflect the high ideals and standards for which our Brotherhood stands. As the technological advances of the day continue to evolve at an ever increasing rate, we would be remiss in our duties if our organization were not to also evolve in a manner which allows us to utilize these advancements to their fullest. At the same time, we must ensure that we do so in a manner which does not allow us to stray from those core beliefs which define us, and are the very reason for our existence.

Our Brotherhood has been built upon a set of high ideals and standards. Our founders sought to better themselves and the world around them, intentionally laying the foundations of Theta Gamma with this in mind. One need look no further than our prayer, or our ritualistic works, for proof of this fact. Let us not deceive ourselves into believing that they would approve, in any way shape or form, of the inappropriate behavior we have all too often bore witness to over the past several years when it comes to social media. Although technology changes, there are those things that should not, and do not. Among those things are decency, civility, understanding, truth, and love. In fact, all of the things which enlightened men seek to be, to find, and to share in their daily lives should never change. Theta Gamma espouses that such is the character of our members. Therefore, we have a responsibility to not only lead our lives in such a way, but to present ourselves in such a manner.

In taking the oath of membership to Theta Gamma, we accept that we no longer live with solely ourselves in mind. As members, our individual actions are a reflection of the whole of our Brotherhood. To make comments which are demeaning, threatening, vulgar, or expose our secrets and mysteries on social media websites is not acceptable behavior for a Brother. Furthermore, the posting of pictures or videos on social media which portray our Brotherhood in a negative manner is also unacceptable.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Brothers of Theta Gamma Fraternity that an “Ethics Committee” has been formed by the Grand Council. This committee is currently in the process of creating the necessary policies and procedures to address the concerns regarding social media. As the committees work progresses we will continue to update the membership. In the meantime, we ask that you all think before you post. Thank You.

---- Patrick D. Carey ----



2017 GRAND COUNCIL CONVENTION

2/10-2/12: Lake George, NY – Meeting Minutes

Roll Call:

Grand Exalted Master: Pat Carey, Delta, F'91
Vice Grand Exalted Master: Joe Pascarella, Delta, S'13
Grand Secretary/Treasurer: Joe Alamia, Nu, F '02
Grand Chaplin: Daniel Horton, Delta, S '01
Grand Historian: Roger Willingham, Alpha, F'94
Grand Editor: Joe Bithorn, Gamma, S'04
Grand Advisor: Pat Boire, Alpha/Nu, F'84
Grand Advisor: Mick Collins, Alpha, F'87
Greg Gilbert, Gamma S'71
Dave Synder, Alpha/Nu S'86
Dan Grffin, Gamma S'90
Richard Mason, Alpha/Gamma F'94
Jerrod Ogden, Nu S'97
Jason Fitzgerald, Gamma S'98
Luke Wilkenson, Nu S'04
Farhan Kabir, Nu S'10
Thomas Mangiacasale, Gamma S'13
Brad Lastrup, Nu S'13
Brandon Remy, Gamma F'13
Andrew Scialabba, Gamma S'14
Rafael Ramirez, Gamma S'14
Chris Perlmutter, Delta S'14
Joe Plant, Alpha F'14
Angely Ortega, Gamma F,14
John Guercio, Nu S'15
Ryan Doherty, Nu S'15
Francis Tabisola, Gamma F'15
Sherif Elsaid, Nu S'16
Sid Mehta, Nu S'16
Steven DeGroff, Delta F'16
Matthew Easo, Nu F'16
Kristian Unti, Nu F'16



The 2017 GCC was held at the Fort William Henry Hotel & Conference Center in Lake George, NY, from February 10-12. Brothers from Alpha, Gamma, Delta, and Nu came together and conducted the annual business of the fraternity. Afterwards, the younger brothers enjoyed the nightlife of downtown Lake George, while the “old farts” held down the fort down at the hotel bar.

A huge thanks goes out to Brother Tom Wysocki (Alpha F'83), Director of Sales and Marketing, for helping to organize the event and make sure the hospitality was first-class.

Day One: Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Horton leads in opening prayer

Alamia reads 2016 Grand Council Convention minutes

MOTION TO TABLE MINUTES FOR ALL TO REVIEW AND FIX ONE ERROR BY COLLINS, SECOND BY MANY. MOTION PASSES.

Officer Reports:

GEM

- 2016 was a rough year.
- Town Hall have been great, but we need more participation from all
- We need organization
- Petty nonsense has held us back
- Let's work towards not having these issues again
 - Collins – McCormick needs credit. Carey – If it wasn't for him, we wouldn't have gotten anything done.
 - Alamia - "Rough year is an understatement. We need to stop with the BS and move on"
 - Ogden - "Having documents on the website is huge"

VGEM

- All chapter visits were completed with help from Alamia. All chapters seem to be in good condition.
- Will review all chapter visits during tomorrow's meeting session.

GST

- Checking - \$7,056.22
- Savings - \$828.32
- PayPal - \$23.97
- Money Market Account – I have a check for around \$8,000 that we have to reinvest.
- We have \$11,880 in outstanding dues from 198 councilmen who are delinquent on dues
- Out of 46 new councilmen since 2014, 22 have not paid any dues so far. It's just a waist
 - Horton – "Glad someone pointed this out. I knew it was bad, but not this bad."

Chaplin

- Happy to take the position, happy to help out
- Historian
- Thanks for coming, wasn't sure who was show up
- Tasked with a lot this year. Not a 1/3 of the way there.
- Crest, shield and Theta Gamma Fraternity trademark update - \$75 fee to process, then 250 every five years. Every chapter has to agree to use this. No permission could result in arrest.
 - Alamia – Have questions on this
 - Carey – Let's move to discussion until tomorrow

Need assistance in creating a World War I and World War II paddle. Looking for volunteers. Boire offers his assistance.

Boire reviewed weekend's itinerary

Committee reports

Willingham's update already mentioned

Boire – convention committee did a great job.

Alamia – secretary committee, no report

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING BY MANY, SECOND BY MANY. PASSES

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Day Two: Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Horton leads in prayer

Bithorn handed out Theta Gamma 2016-2017 bulletin

Boire and Collins handed out discussion forums

Convention broke into two discussion groups about constitution and ethics

New Grand Councilmen are initiated

Meeting called back to order at 11:22 a.m.

Grand Editor Report

- One typo in bulletin. Will correct digital copy
- Bulletin is my report. Goal is to bring back tradition
- "this is the state of the union"
- Lot of work done on the website. Thanks to McCormick. Looking forward to what this year can bring.
 - Ortega – who is web administration "is it,like, you?" Bizzle – yes.
 - Collins – it's nice to read things for the 30's and 40's we are still talking about today.

Bizzle reads a digital communication report with stats prepared by Mike McCormick. This info is sent to GC each month.

- Carey – numbers show quite a bit of growth. This is working. If you haven't signed up already, please do so.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2016 GRAND COUNCIL MINUTES AS AMENDED BY OGDEN, SECONDED BY HORTON. MOTION PASSES.

Pascarella and Alamia review their chapter visits along with SWOT analysis.

Carey – thanks to Joey for stepping up and getting this done in a short time frame

Alpha Corporate Board Report - given by Mick Collins

- Alpha CB not happy with the way actives have presented themselves. CB is strong, not much turnover. New president Brett Costello.
- House looks great. Alpha house in the same situation as delta.
- Willingham – if actives not pulling their weight, they will be de-pledged. Discussion of a reset, but decided that was not the best course of action.
- Overall summary – they have some issues but they are moving in the right direction. Please help if you can

Gamma Active Report – given by Andrew Scialabba

- 17 actives, 2 dogs, 1 cat
- Active Minds is new their philanthropy. Has to deal with suicide prevention.
- New floor

- \$14,00 raise for relay for life. \$800 for haunted house.
- Constitutional changes to make positions rearranged to more importance
- Great relations with the school. College president gave a speech praising TG/Pi Nu for alumni relations
- New advisor is Marc Mastrella
- 2.8 GPA
- 241 comm service hours
- "Joey did a great job with visit"

Gamma Corporate Board Report – by Andrew Scialabba

- Read a report prepared by Gamma CB president
- Please contact Gilbert for brick fundraiser.
- CB president "can't be more proud of the actives"
- Snyder – share rush ideas with other chapters.
- Collins – 241 hours of comm service is great. Getting their names out that way. Get recognized. GDI's are not our friend when it comes to drinking. They are our biggest liability.

Lunch break at 11:58 a.m.

Meeting called back to order at 1:00 p.m.

Continuation of VGEM/SWOT chapter visits

Delta Chapter Active Report – given by Chris Perlmutter

- Seven actives. Eight crossed last semester
- Successful pig roast
- No one living at house is a disadvantage.
- Working towards raising funds for house. Set up a Go Fund Me page
- Campus is strict when it comes to freshman living off campus
- Done well with image from a town perspective
- A lot of philanthropy events. Showing face on campus more.
- Although unrecognized, they still do a lot of campus events with other Greeks.
- Stilling rushing, looking for a decent class this semester

Delta Corporate Board Report – given by Daniel Horton

- Things have been great
- Major issue is upkeep of house. \$17,000 a year
- If we don't get members in the spring, we need to formulate a new strategy on how to maintain the house going forward
 - Carey – there is expectations on the actives when it comes to the house. You have to prove you're worthy.

Nu Chapter active report – given by Ryan Doughty

- Seven accepted bids, one declined
- Philanthropy – dorm story for Cystic Fibrosis
- Community Service – help parked cars

- Banquet May 5th or 6th, we will update
- \$3,300 in general. Trying to keep up with dues. Payment plans in place.
- Insurance is due \$2,000, plus \$200 school fee
 - Alamia – what's the \$200 fee? Doughty – no idea. Alamia – find out. You should know what you're paying for.

Nu Corporate Board Report – given by Farhan Kabir

- Still actively pursuing a house.
- Two major fundraising. \$14,000 run by Dan Barcomb. \$22,000 total.
- Lot of drama on Facebook about different views. We are now on the same page
- Thanks to McCormick for town hall meetings. Issues have been squared away
- Have a financial outlook for the house. Details where we want to be.
 - Carey – there was a communication gap with PayPal links on the website. Decided not to put that up. Snowballed into a huge issue. It has been rectified.
 - Ortega – what amount you looking for? Kabir – around \$45,000

Old Business

MOTION TO OPEN UP OLD BUSINESS BY ALAMIA, MANY. PASSES

MOTION ADOPT CHANGES TO ARTICLE VI: SECTION 4,

SUBSECTION 3, BY ALAMIA, SECONDED BY ODGEN. PASSES

- Horton – four different types of reimbursement. Not for profit says 14 cents per mile. People may want money or wear and tear.
- Alamia - I'm fine with any changes, there just needs to be a change.
- Carey – will to pay out of pocket for wear and tear.
- Snyder – what's the budget for there. Alamia –there is not one.
- Ogden – like Pat's idea.

AMEND MOTION TO INCLUDE A \$50 PER EACH CHAPTER ON TOP OF FUEL BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES.

CALL TO QUESTION BY GILBERT, COLLINS. PASSES

MOTION TO MAKE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT COLLINS, MANY. PASSES.

MOTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION OF ARTICLE VI: SECTION 3, SUBSECTION 1. BY ALAMIA, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES

New Business

MOTION TO OPEN NOMINATIONS BY ALAMIA, SECONDED BY BITHORN. PASSES.

MOTION TO OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR VGEM BY ODGEN, SECONDED BY BITHORN. PASSES

PASCELLA – DECLINES

ALAMIA – ACCEPTS

BITHORN – ACCEPTS

MOTION TO TABLE NOMINATIONS BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY ODGEN. PASSES

MOTION TO OPEN NOMINATIONS GST BY BITORN, SECONDED BY COLLINS. PASSES

MASON – ACCEPTS

KABIR – DECLINES

ALAMIA – DECLINES

ORTEGA – ACCEPTS

MOTION TO TABLE NOMINATIONS BY ODGEN, SECONDED BY COLLINS. PASSES

MOTION TO OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR GAS, BY BITHORN, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES

BITHORN – DECLINES

FRANCIS – DECLINES

FITZGERALD – ACCEPTS

PASCELLA – DECLINES

MOTION TO TABLE NOMINATIONS BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES

MOTION TO REIMBURSE BITHORN FOR PURCHASES FOR BULLETIN TOTALING \$132.42 BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY MANY. MOTION PASSES,

Boire opens up discussion from round table discussion on ethics

Collins opens up discussion from round table discussion on the GC constitution

MOTION TO CREATE AN ETHICS COMMITTEE BY GILBERT. SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES.

Alamia will head committee and will appoint members.

Boire – we need to create a master list of brothers in bad standing.

MOTION TO CREATE A COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN AMENDING THE GC CONSTITUTION BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES

Collins will head committee and will appoint members.

Discussion about Gamma receiving new robes. Multiple back and forth about how robes need to be protected. They are expensive. Activities prior were the ones who damaged. GC agreed that they will work with activities to replace them.

MOTION TO PURCHASE GAMMA THREE BLACK ROBES TO BE COMPLETED ASAP BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY BOIRE. PASSES

MOTION TO PURCHASE NU TWO WHITE ROBES TO BE COMPLETED ASAP BY ODGEN, SECONDED BY ALAMIA AND BOIRE. PASSES.

Snyder – can we get funds via a 50/50 raffle? All GC – research and go for it.

**MOTION TO REOPEN NOMINATIONS FOR VGEM BY ODGEN,
SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES.**

BITHORN – WITHDRAWS

**MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY WILLINGHAM, SECONDED
BY BITHORN. PASSES**

**MOTION TO CAST WHITE BALLOT VOTE FOR ALAMIA AS NEW
VGEM BY COLLINS. SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES.**

Alamia is new VGEM

Alamia - "I'm gonna build a wall around Mexico and make Pi Nu pay for it"

**MOTION TO RE OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR GST BY BITHORN,
SECONDED BY COLLINS. PASSES.**

No new nominations.

**MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY ODGEN, SECONDED BY
BITHORN. PASSES.**

Mason is new GST

**MOTION TO REOPEN NOMINATIONS FOR GAS BY COLLINS,
SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES**

BIZZLE – DECLINES

ORTEGA – ACCEPTS

**MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY HORTON, SECONDED BY
MANY. PASSES.**

Ortega is new GAS

Discussion on 2018 Grand Council Convention date and location

**MOTION TO GIVE EXECUTIVE BOARD PERMISSION TO FIND A
LOCATION FOR THE 2018 CONVENTION. DATES TBD BY COLLINS,
SECONDED BY MANY. PASSES.**

New councilmen introduced

New GC officers sworn in

Announcements

Carey – our sincere thanks to Mike McCormick for his work on the website. Thanks to PB for setting up this weekend.

Willingham – thanks everybody for coming.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING BY BITHORN, SECONDED BY
MANY. PASSES.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

WORDS TO LAST A LIFETIME

An Op-Ed by Brother Bradley Ellis -- Pi Chapter – Spring 1997

Everyone has a teacher from school they remember for being a positive influence to them. Sometimes the most profound lessons and inspiring teachers are

people who are not teachers by trade at all. I would like to share an exchange I had with a man who taught me a valuable lesson.

When I became a Grand Council member, Mr. Norm Philips, may he rest in peace, explained the role of the Grand Council this way:

"This board has the following structure and mandate: it is a mirror of each chapter's structure but for alumni.

As the chapter members are the body and the executive board is the compass, the alumni are the body, the GC is the compass for the whole organization and the executive is the regulating body of the organization. Being a GC member is an honour and a duty.

Our first task is to think of the well-being and support of the active chapters and take action to help keep them strong. Our second task is to ensure that alumni have a home and offer up activities to keep alumni in the bond. Personal benefit does not factor into this organization. Now, if you can accept this, then you should go through and accept the position as a councilman. If you cannot, then do not do it at this time."

Why did his words mean so much to me? Why were they so impactful? Was it because Norm was a brilliant intellectual who was acknowledged by the academic community? Was it because he was an accomplished artist known far and wide? Was it because he was a shrewd and powerful man whose every business idea resulted in massive products? The answer is none of the above. Why his words resonated so strongly with me, was because of a simple word; respect.

Respect goes both ways and though my time interacting with him was short, at all times did respect factor into our conversations. Be the conversations be in a formal setting in a board room, or informal over a beverage respect was an undeniable presence. He respected the opinions, thoughts, and skills of younger members. He respected the youthful energy that new brothers brought and valued their contributions and fresh thinking. He demanded respect which was freely given not because he was a grand council president or a senior but because he exhibited a quiet dignity and grace about him that made civility a request. That is not to say that the man was a snob or an elitist, but rather it is because he wore his power and seniority so lightly around us new members that it was easy to respect the man.

This is not where it ends however. He not only demonstrated and expected respect to and from others but he always demonstrated a higher respect and that was respect for himself.

He understood responsibility and that it meant more than just saying "I will do it" but rather respecting the time and commitment a task would require. That would mean attending a social gathering but always comporting himself in a manner that would never give one cause to question his motives or his mental state. Have a good time but respect his health, the host, and the people around him. Likewise no matter what transpired the night before one was always sure that Norm was ready to take care of business the next day.

Now of course a lot of this sounds like common sense but it is amazing how so many people do not look past the next two hours before deciding what to do at that moment. I have met people who would be out drinking, albeit not heavily, but then

new members the two remaining pins are carried over to the next semesters pledge class, so that if they expect ten in the next class they will be sent an additional eight pins.

2. Shingles are provided to each new chapter member. The chapter must provide the Grand Secretary Treasurer with the list of its newest members each semester. This list must contain the full names of these new members so that the Shingles can be filled out and sent back.
3. Certain items pertaining to the ritualistic work of the chapter is provided by the Grand Council, such as robes. The chapter is responsible for properly maintaining the ritual equipment as well as keeping inventory of this equipment. Requests for replacement of equipment necessary due to normal wear and tear must be submitted to the Grand Chaplain.
4. Yearly chapter visits to each chapter. Each year the Vice Grand Exalted Master visits each chapter, or a representative appointed by the Vice Grand Exalted Master, travel expenses covered by the Grand Council. It is the responsibility of the chapters to coordinate these visits with the Vice Grand Exalted Master.
5. A printed copy of the Grand Council Bulletin is provided to each chapter yearly. Each chapter is allowed to submit any reports, articles, or announcements for entry into the bulletin to the Grand Editor. Electronic versions of the bulletin can be found on the Theta Gamma website, and will be emailed upon request to any brother in good standing.
6. The Grand Council provides accommodations, meals, and travel reimbursement for each chapter president to attend the yearly Grand Council Convention. The convention is open to all brothers to attend.
7. The Grand Council has built and maintains the Theta Gamma website for all Theta Gamma members.

A few words with regards to the Theta Gamma website. This site affords every brother of Theta Gamma the ability to contact any Grand Council officer with the click of a button. The site offers links to the active chapter presidents and the corporate board presidents, however unless the Grand Council is informed when there is a change of office we cannot update the information. There are many documents and resources available on the website for the active members to utilize. We want to continue to expand those resources even further in the future. We want the chapters to utilize the site as much as they possibly can. We welcome submissions for the site, updates, and all the information we can possibly receive, but you must provide us with that information.

All of the officers throughout this Fraternity do so on a voluntary basis. Many hours donated to the Fraternity for their sheer love of Theta Gamma. For some it might just as well be a part time job because when you tally the phone calls, the emails, the text messages, the computer time, and various projects, they are putting in twenty or more hours a week.

So, the next time someone asks, "What do I get for my ten dollars," you can answer them accordingly.

THE ACTIVE CHAPTERS

Alpha



Hello from the Alpha Chapter! We have four active brothers this semester, and their names are: Otis Edwards, Damian Holman, Anthony Fazio, and Gabrielle "Chuck" Santana. Currently, we are not recognized by SUNY Canton until August 2018, as we were put under sanctions by the school last year. We are working hard to complete the community service hours required by the school. We are currently at 140 hours out of the required 500. It has been the primary focus of the active brothers to complete these hours, and allow the Theta Gamma Fraternity to once again be recognized here at SUNY Canton. In the meantime, this semester we are making plans for when our chapter becomes active again. We are having meetings with the school to discuss our banner being hung up at SUNY Canton once our sanctions are lifted. We currently have no plans for new members, as we are not able to pledge under our sanctions.



Also, as you may know, the house on 53 Court St. is currently closed. This is something we are working with our corporate board to change. It has been a difficult time for our chapter, but we are working hard on picking up the pieces. Although things seem to be difficult for Alpha, at this time, I can assure you that we are doing everything we can to achieve our goals, and lead the Alpha chapter of Theta Gamma back to greatness here at SUNY Canton.



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Otis Edwards,
Alpha Theta Gamma President

Gamma



Greetings from Gamma!!! This year, we have 12 active brothers, 10 of which live in the house. Our cumulative GPA for the house is 2.92. The Gamma Chapter is currently on differed prohibition sanctions from Alfred State. However, we have edited our risk management policy and put on an alcohol awareness seminar to allow us to put through a pledge class this semester. In this past semester while not putting through a class we made the following chapter improvements: restored a bathroom, painted our basement ceiling, refinished our chapter table, refurbished 50's, 60's and 70's composites and put them on display throughout the house, and purchased a pool table that has been of great use in our rushing efforts. This past semester we put on our annual haunted house, where we raised over \$700 for our local fire department, as well as for our main philanthropy, Relay for Life. We also won Greek week, where we participated in various competition events against all the other Greek houses on campus and represented the Gamma Chapter of Theta Gamma very well coming out on top overall. In Greek week, an event we pride ourselves on winning every semester is Greek Olympics, which for the 5th semester in a row we did win. Pledging this semester begins February 4th, with HN falling on March 2nd. We are looking forward to our Annual Alumni Clambake at the end of this semester (May 5th, aka Cinco de Mayo!), as well as many years of brotherhood to come for the Gamma Chapter.



ITB,
Matthew Cunningham
Gamma Theta Gamma President

Delta



(As reported by Brother Don Miller, President – DTG, Inc.)

Dear Brothers,

“Adapt, overcome, and endure”; these are not merely words used during pledging, these words are a daily reality. Right now, the Delta chapter is at the onset of an ‘adapt phase’, the purpose of which is to survive and maintain what we all have worked so hard to accomplish. Thus, before I begin discussing what are hoping will be set in motion, I would like to give a brief history of the chapter, and give you, our esteemed alumni, an idea of what has changed in our little corner of Delhi, as well as what we need to be successful moving forward.

The Delta chapter of Theta Gamma was installed by a degree team November 23rd, 1920. The chapter remained active from that time until the spring of 1979. During this period, we were one of the sole two chapters that remained operational throughout World War II and initiated many notable brothers such as Norm Phillips. Norm’s hard work and dedication helped establish and maintain the Grand Council of Theta Gamma. Dr. Rod Rudolf was another noteworthy brother from said time whose steadfast labors and heartfelt efforts helped re-found the Delta chapter in November of 1990.

Since the re-founding of the Delta chapter many brothers have taken it upon themselves to go the extra mile in banding together to further instill the Theta Gamma way in the hearts and minds of deserving young men. In the mid 90’s the Delta Corporate board was founded, and in the late 90’s the 179 Main Street house in Delhi was rented to the Delta brothers. Shortly thereafter, in the early 2000’s, we began the process of buying the house. We were proudly able to officially purchase the property in under ten years, thanks to local and university rules which allowed brothers to move off campus. Many home improvements were made thanks to the funds from having a full house. This was in addition to generous donations from alumni (many of whom pledged before re-founding), which were made in honor of their brothers who passed away. Furthermore, there were countless brothers who took time away from their personal lives and helped physically make these home improvements happen.

Sadly, the conditions in Delhi that had allowed us to prosper in past years have recently changed much to the detriment of the brotherhood. Due to pressures from the mayor of Delhi to keep students on campus, campus officials commissioning a surplus of campus dorms, and lower student enrollments, it is nearly impossible for students to move off campus. Living on campus itself is intolerable. The situation on campus is such that brothers have felt it necessary to document their experience of subpar living conditions in the school's residence halls. Their parents, post visiting Delhi have petitioned campus authorities, saying they want their sons out of the residence halls, and are flatly denied. As of late, SUNY Delhi's rules dictate that a student must live in on-campus housing unless students are over the age of 21, married, or living with parents within a 50-mile radius, and have historically refused nearly all "special request" submissions. These rules have hurt many local landlords, as well as fellow Delhi SUNY Greek organizations, but more specifically they have hindered our ability to maintain the level of income required to properly maintain the Delta chapter's fraternity house.

This last year has been spent exhausting all efforts to recruit new brothers, but to no avail as we have ended up with a nearly empty house. The past two springs found the house completely empty. We currently have enough funds remaining to continue to operate the property until approximately October 2019. We have cut budgetary spending, negotiated contract pricing for services like trash removal, and have been required to forego some capital improvements. To address this issue, this past January, we held a meeting to discuss possible options to keep the house from getting repossessed due to back taxes in the future if we continue to operate with minimal income from rent and other fundraising efforts. Right now, the best option is to turn the house back to a two-family building, for which it is already zoned. This will allow us the flexibility we need as an organization to maintain our house. This would enable us to rent out part, and/or all the house to GDI (normal non-Greeks) while the active brothers work on recruiting four-year students to eventually fill our walls once again. We have yet to take a vote on this matter as it has been tabled until a meeting that will be held on March 24th, 2018. This meeting is one we hope all brothers Delta, or any other chapter, will attend, if possible to give your voice and vote on the future of the Delta chapter.

The house used to be used as the main rushing tool, however with our current housing situation we will now be forced to utilize the many other things that make Theta Gamma a unique and powerful brotherhood. Networking is an exemplary benefit of such, as I myself was able to reach out to Theta Gamma brothers and obtain a career position I had long been searching for. Our ever-



expanding family ensures the security of new brothers yearly, but not without the support of our Alumni.

We currently have six promising active brothers and we see a bright future from each of them, but just like anyone else they need help and so I implore you to reach out to them to lend a hand. It is our responsibility as Alumni, and brothers, to support and foster the positive development of our active chapter members, to teach them lessons and above all mentor them with the guiding principles in which have been instilled in so many of us during those formative years as active chapter members. It is now that we must look within ourselves and stand together united by our bonds of brotherhood and reach out to them just as our re-founding members did to their Alumni in those formative years. It is our time as Alumni to return that favor to our active chapter.

Our active brothers need help more than ever, as does the chapter as a whole. We truly have some amazing actives and I cannot encourage you enough to reach out to them. Please help us in our endeavor to mentor these young men, which will help us rebuild the Delta chapter. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or you simply want more information on how you can get involved to aid us in this please feel free to email me at Donamillerjr@gmail.com. You may also reach me by phone (please text me first and note that Sunday- Thursday 6pm-10pm my phone is off) at (914)539-0227.

Also, this coming summer we are reaching the 10-year commemoration of the passing of Norm (6/28/57-7/15/08) and Rod (7/16/44-6/5/08) and I encourage you to reach out to the brothers in your area to have a little get together in their memory, as in some shape or form, they both touched our lives.

Sincerely,
Don Miller F05
Delta Corporate Board President
Delta Theta Gamma, Inc.
BAEO



Delta Theta Gamma, Incorporated
179 Main Street
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Nu





Esteemed brothers of Theta Gamma,

The time has come to yet again visit the goings on at the Nu Chapter, of which there come both good and bad tidings. Unfortunately, the housing situation for the upcoming year of Fall '18 through Spring '19 has been upended, as the house that the organization had planned on renting burned down due to circumstances out of the brother's hands. The search is still ongoing, but there are several viable options that the brothers are exploring. In addition to the housing situation, three brothers aren't returning for the upcoming spring semester. However, those three brothers are moving on to put themselves in the most successful position they can be.

The future of the fraternity is looking promising with a large amount of quality prospective members, as well as the active brothers bringing significant contributions to the organization. WE are close to achieving the "Chapter of Excellence" award given by SUNY Plattsburgh as well. This prestigious award would give us the opportunity to apply to accept first semester freshmen as well as showcase our achievements through a more public platform.

Also, Orangutan is spelled as such, not as "Orangutang"—which was a heated discussion at the chapter house, 135 Brinkerhoff Street.

The cumulative GPA at Nu has risen a considerable amount, and the campus presence is also on the rise. Alumni support is also increasing, despite the stern but gentle guidance of Adam "Sea Bear" Payette, who is still unfortunately a fixture at the Nu house, over a year after he dropped out following his DWI arrest.

Under my leadership we will be taking our chapter of Theta Gamma to the superior status it certainly deserves. With a well-balanced treasury, the organization intends on making a significant contribution to our house fund soon, so be on the lookout for that. We may or may not also own several bitcoins. While this may be perceived as a risky unstable investment it has yielded some profit.

Future of NU is looking great.

With any questions feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

FITB,
Devin Kaedy
Nu Chapter President

Nu's Alumni House Fund is \$21,522.35. Thanks to all who have contributed. As a reminder, a \$100 donation earns your name being engraved onto a paddle in the Nu house, and a \$1,000 donation earns you naming rights for a room. Please contact me or any member of Nu's Corporate Board to learn how you can help.

Dan Barcomb F'83
Alpha/Nu Founder
Alumni Director – NTG, Inc.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT OF NTG, INC.

Greetings Brothers,

I wish to express tremendous gratitude towards outgoing Nu Chapter Corporate Board President Farhan Kabir. Farhan's contributions towards addressing divisions among Nu's alumni as well as aligning Nu's alumni towards the vision of owning a permanent home will leave a lasting mark on our chapter. Thanks again to Farhan, and best wishes to you for your life on the west coast!

With that being said, I'd also like to comment on alumni involvement in general. First, for those who have been involved, I want to remind everyone of our motto, BAEO. No

path towards a prosperous future exists without this motto being in the forefront. Bluntly, I'm of the opinion that we've wasted too much energy in the past throwing stones at each other and pointing fingers at the systemic weaknesses (I can admit fault myself in this regard) and not enough energy working TOGETHER on solutions.

Brothers, who I'm positive have altruistic motivations, have at times gotten out ahead of themselves in the heat of passion regarding the vision and future of our organization. The Brothers and their passion and energy are not the issue and I see this is a great asset. However, we need to be forgiving of each other when we slip up and also do our best to serve as role models for our younger brothers.

I am personally committed to fostering a strong relationship between Nu Chapter and The Grand Council, and strongly encourage anyone with ideas and / or grievances to speak candidly to me about it, and I assure you I will work as hard as I can to get everyone on the same page.

It's time for all TG's to bury the negativity from the past and unite towards a common goal of a prosperous organization with prosperous chapters. This goal cannot be achieved absent prudent alumni assistance. Please reach out to your chapter, Corporate Board and / or any of the Grand Council's execs to find ways for you to become more involved.

FITB,
Olmer, F97
Nu Chapter Corporate Board President

YOUR HISTORIAN SAYS

(From The Theta Gamma Bulletin archives: Vol. 15. Number 3. November 9th, 1931)

Morrisville, N.Y., Nov. 2 – The Executive Board was created by the Grand Council at Alfred in 1921. The only duty assigned to the Board at that time was to investigate and recommend to the Council all prospective Chapters. No definite powers were delegated to the Board. The Board might as well not have existed. It was not until 1924 at Cobleskill, after three years of opposition, that the Board was given the power “to act as and for the Council between Sessions, except that it does not have the power to amend the Constitution.”

Meetings of the Board have been held at Syracuse in 1925; at Farmingdale in 1926, at Utica in 1927, at Demarest, N.J., in June 1931. A fifth meeting was scheduled at Morris this past August, but, lacking one in quorum, there can be no official record of its transactions.

During these meetings the Board has selected the official Recognition Pin and Pledge Button; made contracts with Edwards, Haldeman and Company; past upon the application of Chapter at Farmingdale, engineered its installation; provided for the possible transference of a member of one Chapter to another; selected the white Carnation as our official flower; drafted rules governing the admission of new Chapters; made innumerable recommendations to the Council and to the Chapters. These are a few of the concrete accomplishments of the Board.

The Board is logically a deliberative body, being composed of the officers of the Grand Council. These men are naturally men experienced in Fraternity work. They possess, or should possess, a keen insight into its problems. Because of its small membership the Board can enjoy unlimited, informal discussions, impossible in the larger Convention group, but which are of great value. Necessary action can be secured at any time through-out the year, when an emergency arises. Thru the meeting of the Board a closer can be kept upon the work of the Chapters and the functioning of the individual Council officers.

Too much stress cannot be placed upon the importance of the Executive Board meetings. They should be definitely required at least three times during each School year.

J. LEONARD MILLER
Beta Chapter '25
Historian



Theta Gamma Fraternity Grand Council ---- 2018 Convention Agenda February 23rd-25th

- Friday 23rd** 7:00 PM – (Casual Attire) Executive board meeting in conference center across parking lot from hotel in the Lake George room (open to all brothers)
1. Prayer
 2. Read and correction of minutes from 2017 convention
 3. Officers reports
 4. Committee reports
 5. Nominations for: Grand Exalted Master, Grand Chaplain, & Grand Editor

- Saturday 24th** 8:00 AM – (Business Attire) All brothers will gather in the Lake George Room at the conference center (be Prompt)
1. Prayer
 2. Brothers will be directed toward appropriate break-out groups
 - A. New Inductees will join the grand historian for course of instruction
 - B. All other officers will make preparations for the Fifth Wall Ritual
 - C. All other Conference attendees will participate in break- out groups
- 10:45 am – All Brothers to Reconvene
1. Chapter Reports (15 minutes for each Chapter)
 - A. (5 minutes Active Chapter President)
 - B. (5 minutes Corporate Board President)
 - C. (5 minutes Vice Grand Exalted Master)
- 12:00 pm – Break for Lunch Fort Edward Room
- 1:00 pm – Old Business
- 2:00 pm – New Business
1. Open the floor to New Business
 2. Re-open nominations
 3. Speeches
 4. Elections
 5. Induction of new officers
 6. Presentation of new councilmen
- 5:00 pm – Adjourn Meeting
- 5:30 pm – All Brothers will convene at dinner venue
1. Prayer
 2. Group photo & individual photos of new officers
- 6:00 pm – Dinner served
- Sunday 25th** Check out & go home!

All officers will limit their oral reports to 5 minutes in length. All officers will present written reports and will arrive with appropriate number of copies of their report to be shared with all attendees.

THE BLACK AND GOLD

*To the Black and to the Gold,
All respect and love we hold,
To thy praise, Oh Theta Gamma,
For ever we will sing,
As we clasp each other's hand,
In that strongest iron band,
That holds us one and all,
In Theta Gamma*

*As the Years go slipping by,
Tho'ts of you will never die,
These same years will simply strengthen,
Our respect and love for thee,
Tho we cannot clasp each other's hand,
In that strongest iron band,
That holds us one and all
In Theta Gamma.*