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THE GREEK ALPHABET

Αα	alpha al-fah	Iι	iota eye-o-tah	Ρρ	rho roe
Ββ	beta bay-tah	Кκ	kappa cap-ah	Σσ	sigma sig-mah
Γγ	gamma gam-ah	Λλ	lambda lamb-dah	Ττ	tau taw
Δδ	delta del-tah	Μμ	mu mew	Yυ	upsilon oop-si-lon
Εε	epsilon ep-si-lon	Nν	nu new	Φφ	phi fie
Zζ	zeta zay-tah	Ξξ	xi zzEYE	Хχ	chi kEYE
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Θθ	theta they-tah	Ππ	pi pie	Ωω	omega o-may-gah

## **CHAPTER ROLL**

April 29, 1864 Alpha April 26, 1865 Beta\* February 20, 1874 Gamma April 29, 1885 Delta November 17, 1899 Epsilon\* February 21, 1903 Zeta\* December 3, 1904 Eta February 17, 1905 Theta March 17, 1905 Iota March 30, 1907 Kappa April 26, 1907 Lambda\* April 2, 1909 Mu March 22, 1910 Nu March 28, 1912 Xi\* June 8, 1912 Omicron June 5, 1912 Pi March 21, 1913 Rho\* April 10, 1914 Sigma March 21, 1914 Tau April 5, 1915 Upsilon

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Troy, New York Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University New Haven, Connecticut Stevens Institute of Technology Hoboken, New Jersey Massachusetts Institute of Technology Boston, Massachusetts Columbia University New York, New York Cornell University Ithaca, New York Lehigh University Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Purdue University West Lafayette, Indiana Washington University St. Louis, Missouri Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Terre Haute, Indiana Pennsylvania State University State College, Pennsylvania Iowa State University Ames, Iowa University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, California University of Iowa Iowa City, Iowa University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Carnegie-Mellon University Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania University of Texas Austin, Texas University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan Stanford University Stanford, California University of Washington Seattle, Washington

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Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana Louisiana Polytechnic Institute Ruston, Louisiana University of South Dakota Vermillion, South Dakota Trinity College Hartford, Connecticut University of Missouri, Rolla Rolla, Missouri Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, Georgia San Jose State University San Jose, California Bowling Green State University Bowling Green, Ohio Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Illinois University of California, Davis Davis, California Auburn University Auburn, Alabama University of Northern Colorado Greeley, Colorado Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, Michigan University of Missouri, Columbia Columbia, Missouri Clarkson University of Technology Potsdam, New York Indiana University of Pennsylvania Indiana, Pennsylvania University of Central Arkansas Conway, Arkansas University of Nebraska, Kearney Kearney, Nebraska University of New Orleans New Orleans, Louisiana Clarion University of Pennsylvania Clarion, Pennsylvania Southeastern Louisiana University Hammond, Louisiana

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## **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

All chapter meetings in Theta Xi are to be conducted in accordance with *The Ritual*. This Ritual was originally handed from member to member by word of mouth, and through a code. In 1937, the National Convention adopted the written form of *The Ritual* which, as amended by later Conventions, is used today.

The Committee on Ritual has been instrumental in keeping intact all of the sacred elements of our brotherhood. *The Ritual* is the common bond that binds all initiated members together as Brothers in Theta Xi, and our chapter meetings are conducted in accordance with its provisions.

### PARLIAMENTARY LAW

Parliamentary law is the code which controls procedures in deliberate assemblies, and assists an assembly in carrying out its purposes. Another view is that parliamentary law is the code of ethics of working together in group meetings. Parliamentary law is based on five major principles:

- All members have equal rights, privileges, and obligations.
- Only one subject may be discussed at a time.
- Every proposition presented is entitled to full and free discussion.
- The rights of the minority must be protected.
- The will of the majority must rule.

There are several other principles which also influence parliamentary procedure and conduct:

- Each member of the assembly shall abide by the rules of gentlemanly conduct.
- The intent of the group is what must be determined.
- Those to whom power is delegated must be chosen by democratic processes.
- Every member has the right to know at all times what question is before the assembly and what its effect will be.
- Motions have a definite and logical order of procedure.
- The simplest and most direct procedure for accomplishing a purpose should be followed.
- Parliamentary rules exist to facilitate the transaction of business and to promote cooperation and harmony.

### **GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The practical application of the principles of parliamentary law follows a wellestablished pattern which should be applied to all general meetings. There is a general order in which business is discussed. There is a method of introducing and discussing business. There are established ways in which business may be terminated. Under common usage, the general order of business includes:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
- 4. Communications
- 5. Reports of Committees
- 6. Reports of Officers
- 7. Unfinished Business
- 8. New Business
- 9. Announcements
- 10. Adjournment

It is necessary that a quorum be present at a meeting of an organization before it can legally transact business. The number which constitutes a quorum is specified in Section 24.4.1 of the *Constitution and By-Laws of Theta Xi*. In the absence of such specification, a quorum consists of a majority of the members.

## **INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESS**

Business may be introduced by motion, resolution, or report, and no debate is in order until such a proposition is pending. A member obtains the floor by rising and addressing the presiding officer (the chair), who recognizes him by announcing his name. The member makes his motion, it is seconded by another, the chair states the question by repeating the motion, and it then is open to debate and amendment.

A motion should be stated in the form "I move that...," followed by a statement of the proposal which the member wishes to bring before the assembly. This is the only correct phrase for proposing a motion. The forms "I make a motion" or, after some discussion, "I so move" are incorrect. Statements beginning "I propose" or "I suggest" should not be recognized as motions. Aside from occasional brief explanatory remarks, no discussion is permissible when a motion is being presented. Many organizations require motions be written before presented as an aid to accuracy and expedition of business.

### **DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS**

The object of deliberative bodies is to formulate actions. For these actions to be effective, it is necessary to reach the mature judgment and decision of the group by means of free interchange of thought through discussion. This interchange of views must be such that it will enable the members of an assembly to arrive at an intelligent understanding of the proposition under consideration before disposing of it.

The right of every member to be heard and to participate fully in the discussion of any matter of business which comes before the assembly is one of the fundamental principles of parliamentary law. One of the most important rules of debate is that all discussion must be relevant to the subject before the body. When a speaker is granted the floor, it is for the purpose of discussing the pending question. If a speaker digresses from the subject, it is the duty of the presiding officer to request that the speaker keep his discussion relevant. Discussion should be clear and concise. The speaker is not talking for pleasure or entertainment, but to assist the assembly in arriving at a conclusion on the question under discussion. A member should be courteous both when speaking and when another is speaking. Objectionable language should not be used, and any member may rise to a point of order when the rules of decorum are abused.

#### **DISPOSAL OF A QUESTION**

Debate and deliberation on motions should not be prematurely cut off or prevented. This is an infringement on the basic rights of members. However, all questions must come to an end. When it appears to the chairman that all debate has been offered, he should inquire of the assembly "is there any further discussion?" or "are you ready for the question?" The proper response - if discussion has been completed - is not to call out "Question!" or anything else, but to remain silent unless someone wishes to discuss the motion. If the queries of the chairman are unanswered, the question shall then be put to vote.

The most fundamental rule of governing voting is that at least a majority vote is required to take action. Until a majority has voted to take action, no action should be taken. There are many ways in which a majority may be defined. For Theta Xi's purposes, a majority is defined in the By-Laws (Section 27.4.2). However, in the absence of such provision, common law specifies that a majority is the majority of legal votes cast. Tie votes do not constitute a majority and therefore are lost votes.

#### **GLOSSARY OF PARLIAMENTARY TERMS**

Adjourn:

To terminate a meeting.

Adopt:

To approve, to give effect to.

Adopt a Report:

The formal acceptance of a report. Adoption commits the organization to everything included in the report.

Agenda:

Order in which business is to be considered at a meeting or convention. *Chair*:

The Chairman, the presiding officer.

Commit:

Refer to a committee.

Consideration:

Formal discussion or debate of a motion.

Convene:

To formally open a meeting or series of meetings.

Division:

Division of an assembly; a vote taken by rising to verify a voice vote.

Floor:

When recognized formally by the chairman, one is said to have the "floor."

He is the only person allowed to speak.

## Germane:

Pertaining or relating directly to, having definite bearing upon. Applied to the relationship of amendments to motions.

In Order:

Correct from a parliamentary standpoint at a given time.

Meeting:

An assembly of members of an organization during which there is no separation of the members except for a recess. A meeting is terminated by an adjournment.

### Out of Order:

Not correct from a parliamentary standpoint.

Pending Question:

A question or motion before the assembly which has not yet been voted upon.

Precedence:

The priority of one motion over another, as determined by the rules of parliamentary law.

Special Committee:

A committee set up to accomplish a specific task and to submit a special report. It ceases to exist when its task is completed.

## Special Meeting:

A meeting called to consider certain specific business which must be set forth in the call.

Standing Committee:

A committee which is responsible for all business in a certain area, and which has a term of service corresponding to the term of office of the officers of the organization.

Two-Thirds Vote:

Two-thirds of all legal votes cast.

Unfinished Business:

Any business postponed by a motion to a future, definite time, or any business which was incomplete when the previous meeting adjourned. Unfinished business has a preferred status at the following meeting.

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PARLIAMENTARY LAW DESK CHART

PRIVILEGED MOTIONS

INCIDENTAL MOTIONS

## SONGS OF THE TA XI

Each Brother, raising his own voice in song with the group, demonstrates how an individual is not lost in the Fraternity setting. The blending of individual efforts in a positive way creates a whole larger than the sum of its parts. Singing traditional Theta Xi songs is an integral part of Regional, National, and alumni gatherings, and should exist at the chapter level as well. Every member of Theta Xi should be familiar with these songs:



#### Amici



## Sweetheart Of Theta Xi











 And in your soul true beauty; A kind and gentle heart.
When joined our eyes are merry And mourn when we're apart.
Our vows are placed before you In limits past the sky; Our bond of love forever, Sweetheart of Theta Xi!

Verse 3 Written by: Brother Michael Pirro  $\Delta\Sigma$  765 1996

### THETA XI FRATERNITY

## STATEMENT OF POSITION ON

# HAZING AND PRE-INITIATION ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, Theta Xi Fraternity has maintained, since unanimously adopting a resolution at its Sixty-fifth Annual Convention in San Francisco, that associate member and member educational and inspirational programs should be of a positive and constructive nature and has been unequivocally opposed to hazing and pre-initiation activities because they do not add positively to the associate member's or member's understanding of the history, ideals, traditions, principles, and/or Ritual of Theta Xi Fraternity.

**FURTHER**, the Fraternity has publicly stated its position in the Constitution and By-Laws of this Organization and by fully supporting the National Interfraternity Conference's "Resolution Against Hazing" and the Fraternity Executives Association's "Statement of Position on Hazing and Pre-Initiation Activities."

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Theta Xi Fraternity hereby reaffirms its traditional stance against hazing and unconstructive pre-initiation activities with the following statements:

The Fraternity believes in the ideals and principles stated in the Fraternity Executives Association "Statement of Position on Hazing and Pre-Initiation Activities." The Fraternity further believes that hazing and unconstructive pre-initiation activities are antithetical to the ideals, traditions, and principles of this Fraternity as well as being antithetical to the concept of fraternalism. The Fraternity defines hazing as "Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside or inside of the confines of the chapter house; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution."

Adopted August 11, 1984 Revised August 6, 1988

## THETA XI FRATERNITY

## STATEMENT OF POSITION ON

# RISK MANAGEMENT

**THETA XI FRATERNITY** holds the firm belief that in regards to protecting the health and safety of each of our members and guests, all members share equal responsibility based on the concept and philosophy that we are "each our Brothers' keeper."

**GIVEN** the demands for responsible behavior placed on each of us by our Fraternity's beliefs and principles, college and university administrator's standards, and the expectations of our society as a whole, the concept of risk management as an inherent ingredient of all Theta Xi chapter programs must become the standard by which all chapters and alumni groups operate.

FOR ALL THESE REASONS, Theta Xi Fraternity hereby states its position on "risk management" as follows:

- All chapters and colonies shall adopt a risk management program.

- The risk management program adopted shall as a minimum meet all standards of the Theta Xi Fraternity Risk Management Policy as shall be adopted by the Grand Lodge of Theta Xi Fraternity and revised from time to time.

- An educational module on the subject of Fraternity and chapter risk management programs and policies shall be offered to all members of each chapter and colony on at least an annual basis.

Adopted August 6, 1988

# THETA XI FRATERNITY STATEMENT OF POSITION ON THE USE OF ALCOHOL

**THETA XI FRATERNITY**, recognizing the dangers associated with the misuse and abuse of alcohol, fully endorses the National Interfaternity Conference's "Resolution on Alcohol" passed by the House of Delegates at its 1983 Annual Meeting.

**BECAUSE** the use of alcohol is ingrained in society and because its misuse and abuse is becoming more apparent, Theta Xi Fraternity hereby states its position on the use of alcohol.

The Fraternity believes that the misuse and abuse of alcohol is inconsistent with each of the seven Purposes of Theta Xi and hinders any member in his Quest for Theta Xi.

The Fraternity further believes that we are our Brother's Keeper and recommends that each member act responsibly in his own use of alcohol and when necessary assist his Brother(s) in using alcohol responsibly.

The Fraternity further believes that alcohol, when used responsibly, has a rightful place in society and hereby sets these guidelines for the responsible use of alcohol by the Theta Xi Fraternity:

- That the possession, use, sale and/ or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of any chapter or at any entertainment or function of any chapter shall be in compliance with all applicable laws.

- That all rush activities associated with any chapter be nonalcoholic.

- That all membership education programs and activities be nonalcoholic.

- That no chapter cosponsor or co-finance a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups, or organizations.

- That moderation be encouraged during lawful consumption, and that chapters develop and support programs and those groups and organizations seeking to educate chapter members on alcohol awareness.

- That no member shall permit, tolerate, encourage or participate in "drinking games."

Adopted August 11, 1984 Revised August 6, 1988 Revised July 28, 1995 Revised July 18, 1996

# THETAXI FRATERNITY STATEMENT OF POSITION ON FRATERNITY VALUES

**WHEREAS**, each member of Theta Xi is charged with the responsibility to advance the high ideals of the Fraternity and uphold its standards of excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Fraternity's goal to advance these ideals by positively enhancing the development of its members with high-quality, personally relevant experiences; and

WHEREAS, Theta Xi Fraternity supports the belief that the fraternity experience should be designed to bond members together without sacrificing anyone's personal identity; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership of Theta Xi, through leadership at national and regional meetings, has identified basic Fraternity values;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that consistent with the Ritual, the Constitution and By-Laws, and the Purpose of the Fraternity, the members of Theta Xi, in each and every aspect of their fraternity experience, shall be guided by and promote to all fellow members these ten basic values and expectations:

**BROTHERHOOD** Demonstrate a commitment to developing meaningful and lasting friendships.

**RESPONSIBILITY** Accept accountability for one's decisions, behavior, obligations, and commitments.

SELF-ESTEEM Develop confidence in personal abilities and take pride in oneself.

INTEGRITY Be honest and fair in conduct with oneself and others.

**RESPECT** Show appreciation and concern for the worth of others

LEARNING Demonstrate a commitment to academic success and intellectual curiosity.

DIVERSITY Recognize and appreciate the value of different ideas, opinions, and cultures.

COMPASSION Reach out actively to support those in need of assistance.

ACHIEVEMENT Accomplish tasks based on previously established goals.

**LEADERSHIP** Develop an ability to foster teamwork to mobilize effort to achieve common fraternity, campus, and community goals.

Adopted August 13, 1989

# THETAXIFRATERNITY STATEMENT OF POSITION ON "LITTLE SISTER" ORGANIZATIONS

**THETA XI FRATERNITY** holds the firm belief that sororities and women's fraternities offer excellent opportunities for college women to share a fraternal experience, and that this experience serves a most useful purpose in providing a complementary fraternal experience to that provided by men's fraternities.

WHEREAS, auxiliary women's groups organized from time to time by Theta Xi chapters, commonly referred to as "little sisters", are inconsistent with the concept and philosophy of support for separate and equal women's fraternities, and

WHEREAS, Theta Xi Fraternity believes that "Little Sisters" frequently inhibit the accomplishment of chapter goals by:

- **DIVERTING** valuable resources of time, effort, and money needed to maintain chapter operations and programs;

- **DISTRACTING** chapter members in the performance of essential membership recruitment, membership education, and academic responsibilities;

- INVITING disharmony within the chapter by usurping the roles, responsibilities, and duties of members;

- WEAKENING the bonds of Brotherhood existing within the chapter by adversely affecting interpersonal relationships.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Theta Xi Fraternity hereby states its position on "little sisters" as follows:

-"Little sisters" are undesirable additions to Theta Xi chapters;

-The formation of new "little sister" groups is prohibited;

-Chapters having "little sisters" groups are to eliminate these groups by no later than the end of the 1993-94 academic year in accordance with the policies and procedures approved by the Fraternity's 127th Anniversary Convention.

Adopted August 2, 1991

# THETA XI FRATERNITY STATEMENT OF POSITION ON HUMAN DIGNITY

**THETA XI FRATERNITY** holds the firm belief that it is the mutual responsibility of the Fraternity, its chapters and each member to respect and protect the dignity of all human beings. Four key factors are directly or indirectly associated with the degredation of others in Fraternities: substance abuse, sexism, racism and hazing.

**WHEREAS**, Theta Xi, in its Purpose, Statements of Position, and programs, has shown a belief in the integrity and dignity of all human beings. This should manifest itself in a mutual respect for ourselves and others, and

WHEREAS, Sexual conduct, attitudes toward women, and the consumption of alcohol are all, to some degree, interrelated, since excessive drinking contributes significantly to inappropriate sexual behavior and frequently fosters demeaning attitudes toward women, and

WHEREAS, Racism and hazing, in addition to sexism, stem from a basic lack of respect for the dignity and understanding of other human beings, and

WHEREAS, Excessive drinking and the use of controlled substances show a basic lack of respect for one's own dignity and a lack of concern for potential negative effects on others.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Theta Xi Fraternity hereby states its position on human dignity as follows:

-Theta Xi Chapters and individual members shall not tolerate sexual abuse - emotional, verbal or physical

- of women, shall neither condone nor participate in hazing activities, shall respect the integrity of those of different religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical ability, or political belief; and

-Theta Xi chapters shall operate within the guidelines of the Fraternity's Statements of Position on Alcohol, Hazing and Pre-Initiation Activities, Risk Management, Fraternity Values and other subsequently-adopted Statements of Position; and

-Theta Xi chapters shall abide by and enforce the Fraternity's Risk Management Policy and individually adopt policies and procedures reinforcing Fraternity statements and policies regarding all of these matters.

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### THETA XI FRATERNITY RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Risk Management Policy of Theta Xi Fraternity includes the provisions which follow and shall apply to all fraternity entities and all levels of fraternity membership.

#### ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

The possession, sale, use or consumption of **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**, while on chapter premises, or during a fraternity event, or in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, or in any event that an observer would associate with the fraternity, must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws of the state, province, county, city and institution of higher education, and must comply with either the BYOB or Third Party Vendor Guidelines.

No alcoholic beverage may be purchased through chapter funds nor may the purchase of same for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of, or on behalf of, the chapter. The purchase or use of a bulk quantity or common sources of such alcoholic beverage, i e. kegs, or cases, is prohibited.

OPEN PARTIES, meaning those with unrestricted access by nonmember of the fraternity, without specific invitation, where alcohol is present, shall be prohibited.

No members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages to any minor (ie, those under the legal "drinking age".)

The possession, sale or use of any ILLEGAL DRUGS or CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES while on chapter premises or during a fraternity event or at any event that an observer would associate with the fraternity, is strictly forbidden.

No chapter may cosponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization or tavern (tavern defined as an establishment generating more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol) where alcohol is given away, sold or otherwise provided to those present.

No chapter may cosponsor or co-finance a function where alcohol is purchased by any of the host chapters, groups or organizations.

All rush activities associated with any chapter will be a DRY rush function.

No member shall permit, tolerate, encourage, or participate in "drinking games."

No alcohol shall be present at any pledge/associate member/novice program, activity or Ritual of the chapter.

#### HAZING

No chapter, colony, student or alumnus shall conduct nor condone hazing activities. Hazing activities are defined as: "Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside or inside of the confines of the chapter house; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with academic achievement, fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution, or applicable State Law."

#### SEXUAL ABUSE AND HARASSMENT

The fraternity will not tolerate or condone any form of sexist or sexually abusive behavior on the part of its member, whether physical, mental or emotional. This is to include any actions which are demeaning to women or men including but not limited to date rape, gang rape or verbal harassment.

#### FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY

All chapter houses should meet all local fire and health codes and standards.

All chapters should have posted by common phones emergency numbers for fire, police and ambulance and should have posted evacuation routes on the back of the door of each sleeping room.

All chapters should comply with engineering recommendations as reported by the insurance company.

The possession and/or use of firearms or explosive devices of any kind within the confines and premises of the chapter house is expressly forbidden.

#### EDUCATION

Each chapter shall annually instruct its students and alumni in this Risk Management Policy.

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