

**THETA XI FRATERNITY**

# **Alpha Nine**

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ΘΞ'S ASSOCIATE MEMBER CORE EDUCATION PROGRAM

## **MEMBERSHIP EDUCATORS GUIDE**

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## Introduction

On the evening Theta Xi's Founders initiated their first new member the following entry was placed in the chapter's minute book:

*"We were all deeply sensible of the importance of the occasion since from this night we receive the new made member as a brother. And in doing so it becomes us to pause well, and consider, and realize, if possible, the sacred character of the occasion, since henceforth we all must be responsible for the character and making of the man. It becomes us as true brothers, joined hand in hand and bound together by indissoluble ties, to take it upon ourselves, each and all of us, to endeavor to instill in his youthful mind the high and noble principles which we profess to keep."* -Thomas Cole Raymond, on the Initiation of Edward Morrison May 7, 1864.

Since the founding of the Fraternity and the initiation of Edward Morrison as Alpha 9, Theta Xi has taken the process educating new members and making them brothers very seriously. As Brother Raymond wrote, it is our responsibility to foster Theta Xi's values among our members. We do this through education. The **Alpha Nine** program was created for that purpose. Named in Brother Morrison's honor, the **Alpha Nine** program is a guide to help chapters educate their new members in all areas of fraternity life with emphasis is placed on the Fraternity's history, organization, and values. The Associate Member Core Education Program is the heart and soul of **Alpha Nine**, but in addition to the core program, **Alpha Nine** has many practical applications for ongoing education with the entire chapter. Utilizing the entire **Alpha Nine** guide provides brothers with ongoing membership education opportunities that will benefit each member individually and the chapter as a whole.

Just as on that night in May of 1864, today we are all responsible for educating and holding each other accountable to our guiding principles and professed values. Utilizing **Alpha Nine** allows us to achieve that goal!