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The [online Pledge Form](#) streamlines and expedites the upload of prospective member information. This online form **must** be completed at the start of pledging.

Those completing the online pledge form may need the precise [greek abbreviation and name](#) for your chapter. Please note that the information keyed by the user is uploaded to our CRM; therefore, do **not** use "pledge names" for nickname field, nor greek pledge class names in place of chapter name where required.



The [Chapter Officers Manual](#) and [Officers Duty Calendar](#) are available to assist in carrying out duties and activities. **Membership Status** and **Co-op Reports** are due by **September 15** to ensure that each chapter's Fall Semiannual Dues Invoice is as accurate as possible.

To order [Membership Manuals](#) or [Pledge Pins](#) from the Central Office, you do so at our Square [online Theta Tau Store](#) or send the [Items Available Sheet](#) by whatever means you wish. You may also note that items such as [Pledge Fees, Initiation Fees, Dues, and Insurance payments](#) have been added to the store (as well as badges for new initiates) to add convenience to their payment. Please note that the online store with Square will likely be shut down this semester as a new online store platform is implemented. As long as the Square site is live, you can continue to use it.

Consistent with practice for the last couple years, each chapter is to contemporaneously maintain record of activities, events, and member participation via the appropriate version (semester or quarter) of the **Annual Report** (new version will be posted online shortly).

RISK MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE

[Alcohol & Risk Management Policies](#)

Risk Management policies adopted and in effect are an integral part of helping to keep our friends and members safe, and our liability insurance rates low. Last school year, there was an addition to those policies requiring that chapters educate about the Risk Management Policies; to increase awareness of its requirements to all chapter members; **and** to communicate that awareness to your Regional Director (via signed Risk Management form).

- Please see the policy found at the link above
- Note the requirements under the heading "Officer Responsibilities"
- Submit the completed page to your Regional Director(s) within 10 days of the start of the school year.

CWRU COLONY CERTIFICATION

[Certification and/or Banquet](#)

Theta Tau is pleased to announce the certification of its newest colony this September 13 in Cleveland. Please **RSVP ASAP** with your plans to attend by registering online for the Ceremony, Banquet, or both so that we can kick start a resurgence of Delta Chapter!

MEMBER EDUCATION MANUALS LAUNCHED!

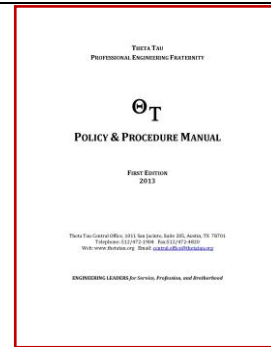
[Policy & Procedure Manual](#)

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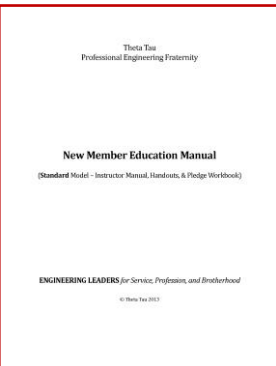
[New Member Education 2013 – Standard Model](#)

[New Member Education 2013 – Non Traditional Model](#)

The 2012 National Convention authorized the creation of a new *Policy & Procedure Manual* (with content taken verbatim from sections removed from our Bylaws by that Convention). This new manual can be found on the [Forms & Manuals page](#) of the website, or accessed using link above.



The Convention also ordered the creation of New Member Education Manuals to be used in the preparation of pledges for membership in Theta Tau. In studying the matter, the Executive Council contracted with [RISE Partnerships](#) to create **3 models/versions** for our chapters: Basic, Standard, and Non Traditional. Very briefly put, the **Basic Model** is tailored for us by colonies, new chapters, and chapters that need to get "back to the basics" or core needs in their education program. The **Standard Model** should likely be used by most chapters and includes activities specifically designed to facilitate pledges/members getting to know one another in the larger chapters we are experiencing today. Finally, the **Non Traditional Model** which provides activities designed for chapters that are unhoused or may have difficulty reserving meeting space on campus for activities, events, and meetings.



The Manuals contain very detailed instruction, information, checklists, and materials needed to conduct a well-planned education period. Each Manual is divided into three parts: **Instructors Manual**, **Handouts**, and **Pledge Workbook**. Your chapter is encouraged to use these Manuals now. Theta Tau has adopted a goal of 70% of our chapters using these manuals within a year. The importance to Theta

Tau of implementation is obvious given the new **10% discount** on liability insurance available to your chapter.

NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

[Habitat Online Registration](#)

Registration is now open for the 2015 Theta Tau - Habitat for Humanity alternative spring break!

Come spend your spring break in the sunshine with brothers from across the country helping build homes for the less fortunate. Last year we had 87 brothers from 18 chapters during our 4 weeks, and we expect to have even more this year! This is a fantastic way to change lives, including your own!



There are 4 event dates/locations to choose from (3 weeks in Flagler Beach, FL and 1 week in Ventura, CA), so please select the correct week on the registration page based on your school's spring break.

Space is limited by Habitat, so please reserve right away! Registration is open until October 1st or until our spots fill up. [Click here to register](#). For more info, email amar.amin@thetatau.org



FRATERNAL LAW

[July 2014 Issue 130](#)

The latest edition of the Fraternal Law publication is linked above.

Students and alumni are encouraged to educate yourselves as to the issues raised in this extremely valuable educational publication.



LIABILITY INSURANCE

[Liability Insurance Program Description](#)

In mid- September, the Central Office will email Invoices for General Liability, Directors and Officers, and Crime/Fidelity Insurance to each house corporation, chapter, and colony. Invoice amounts are based on a 3 year average of members measured each spring. The per person rate is **\$115/\$30** per person for housed/unhoused, however, the minimum per chapter is \$1850/\$385 housed/unhoused. The minimum per colony is \$250. Note that these rates have risen slightly after six years of no increase. The **implementation of the New Member Education Manuals** (mentioned in earlier article) can soften the increase.

Invoice is due as soon as possible, payable to Theta Tau, and sent to Theta Tau Central Office. Timely payment is appreciated to ensure that we may meet the renewal date. Housed chapters of Theta Tau that carry their property/fire insurance with the Favor Company should pay premiums in a timely manner directly to Denver. Do not allow your property/fire insurance to lapse due to non-payment – the risk is too great!

2014 AWARD SUMMARY

Thanks to all those who made our 2014 National Convention an outstanding and memorable event. A special thanks to our Sponsors, [Herff Jones](#), [GEICO](#), and the [James R. Favor Company!](#) Here is a brief recap of all the award winners:

20% growth – chapters that grew 20% Zeta, Kappa, Xi, Pi, Phi, Xi Beta, Rho Beta, Upsilon Beta, Nu Gamma, Sigma Gamma, Phi Gamma, Chi Gamma, Zeta Delta, Nu Delta, Xi Delta, and Pi Delta

40+ growth -- chapters w/40 or more members
Epsilon, Zeta, Kappa, Mu, Omicron, Upsilon, Phi, Chi, Omega, Gamma Beta, Kappa Beta, Rho Beta, Tau Beta, Psi Beta, Delta Gamma, Zeta Gamma,

Eta Gamma, Theta Gamma, Kappa Gamma, Lambda Gamma, Nu Gamma, Omicron Gamma, Rho Gamma, Tau Gamma, Upsilon Gamma, Phi Gamma, Chi Gamma, Psi Gamma, Omega Gamma, Epsilon Delta, Zeta Delta, Eta Delta, Iota Delta, Kappa Delta, Lambda Delta, Nu Delta, Xi Delta, Omicron Delta, Pi Delta, Rho Delta, and Sigma Delta

700 Club – chapter scoring 700 or more points on the Annual Report Alpha (703), Mu (850), Phi (750), Kappa Beta (768), Kappa Gamma (817), Lambda Gamma (826), Xi Gamma (818), Omicron Gamma (728), Rho Gamma (700), and Mu Delta (721)

Size Target Award– \$250 award Kappa, Gamma Beta, Rho Beta, Chi Beta, Psi Beta, Zeta Gamma, Theta Gamma, Lambda Gamma, Nu Gamma, Rho Gamma, Tau Gamma, Phi Gamma, Zeta Delta, Iota Delta, Pi Delta, Rho Delta and Sigma Delta

Member Miles - Rho Gamma

Robert E. Pope Outstanding Student Member – Zachary Spitzer Epsilon Beta Chapter

Best Brotherhood Event - 2nd place Omicron Gamma and Kappa Beta, 1st place Xi Gamma

Best Community Service Event - Omicron Gamma

Best Professional Development Event - Xi Gamma

Best Chapter Newsletter - 3rd place Omicron Gamma, 2nd place Xi Gamma, 1st place Kappa Beta

Best Photo -3rd place, Omicron Gamma, 2nd place, Nu Gamma, 1st place, UCLA Colony

Outstanding Delegation - Atlantic – Kappa Gamma, Central – Xi Gamma and Psi Beta, Great Lakes – Epsilon Beta, Gulf – Rho Gamma, Midwest – Alpha, Northeast – Sigma Gamma, Southeast – Kappa Beta, Western – Lambda Delta

Outstanding Delegate- Ryan Crownover, Kappa Beta 2014

Founders Award – Lambda Gamma

Schrader Award – Mu



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