



# Theta Tau Velocitas

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The [online Pledge Form](#) streamlines and expedites the upload of prospective member information. This form is now more fully integrated into our CRM and allows for the user to remit payment directly online for the \$30 Pledge Fee (or select the “Bill me later” option if the chapter will forward payment later. This online form **must** be completed at the start of pledging (to avoid double pledge fee as penalty). 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.



## LIABILITY INSURANCE

[Liability Insurance Program Description](#)

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 **\$125/\$35** per person for housed/unhoused, however, the minimum per chapter is \$1850/\$385 housed/unhoused. This first increase in premiums is the **direct result** of failure to abide by “best practices” in the area of risk management, new member education, and timely completion of the Online Pledge Form. The minimum per colony is \$250. Your chapter also had the opportunity to recognize savings (**20% discount**) in the annual cost via adoption one of the New Member Education Models and [notifying us of same via this form](#). (The maximum discount per chapter is limited to 20% for all available credits.) Liability Insurance invoices will be issued from the Central Office within the next week and are due by October 15.

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!

## NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

[Habitat Online Registration](#)

Registration is open for the 2016 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. This is a fantastic way to change lives, including your own! There are 4 event dates/locations to choose from (2 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](#)

or email [amar.amin@thetatau.org](mailto:amar.amin@thetatau.org) for more information.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE**

[Alcohol & Risk Management Policies](#) – **due within 10 days of start of your semester!**

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.

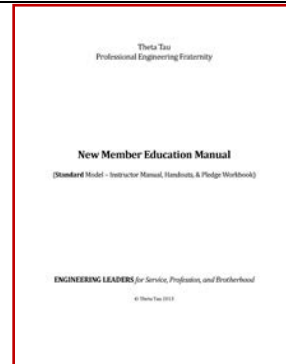
### **MEMBER EDUCATION MANUALS!**

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

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

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

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 unhooded 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 [20% discount on liability insurance available](#) to your chapter/house corporation.



### **MARSHALL INSTALLATION!**

**Chi Delta** Chapter of Theta Tau was installed on **August 22nd** in Huntington, WV.

Congratulations to our newest chapter!



### **REGIONAL CONFERENCES PLANNED**

Regional Conferences this fall are:

**October 10 – Central @ Upsilon**  
(Arkansas)

**October 24 - Atlantic @ Upsilon Beta**  
(ODU)

**November 7 – Western @ Chi**  
(Arizona)

Please contact your [Regional Director\(s\)](#) for more information about the program and registering for the event.

## HAZING PREVENTION WEEK – SEPTEMBER 21 - 25

[HazingPrevention.org](http://HazingPrevention.org)

National Hazing Prevention Week is an opportunity for campuses, schools, communities, organizations and individuals to promote the prevention of hazing. HazingPrevention.Org is the organizer of NHPW.

This is the the dedicated week, but HazingPrevention.Org encourages observance at whatever time of the year it

Hazing prevention is  
a 365-day-a-year  
responsibility

fits best into your schedule. We also encourage you to think about hazing prevention every day of the year, not for just one week.

Through strong educational efforts, diligent policy reinforcement, and comprehensive and ongoing community efforts, we can accomplish hazing from happening in the first place. Visit our [National Hazing Prevention Week](#) microsite to learn everything you need to know to plan and execute your NHPW observance for one week or every single day of the year.



### PROTECTING OUR LEGACY THETA TAU LICENSED PRODUCTS

Nike. Jeep. Timberland. These brands and their logos have trademark laws protecting them from misuse. Our fraternity name is no different. It is our right and responsibility to protect our name and the symbols that we have

valued for over 110 years. Therefore, Theta Tau registers its marks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and is taking measures to ensure our marks are used appropriately in marketing and merchandising.



Theta Tau aligned with 78 other Greek organizations through working with Affinity Consultants, a company founded to help organizations protect the integrity and ownership of their trademarks. Affinity Consultants will work with Theta Tau in granting licenses to companies that manufacture merchandise bearing our name, Greek letters, badge and crest. Through the licensing program, vendors submit all products and designs for approval to insure that are marks are not associated with any products and/or designs that glorify alcohol abuse, sexism, hazing, drugs or discrimination.

**Why Work with Licensed Vendors?** The relationship between the fraternity and licensed vendors is a win-win situation. A licensed vendor agrees to work with Theta Tau to insure proper use of our trademarks and to sell high quality products at reasonable prices and to offer good customer service. In exchange, approved vendors are given the approval to produces products and/or services in association with our organization.

To locate an always up-to-date list of Theta Tau's officially licensed vendors, please visit <https://greeklicensing.com/clients/theta-tau/1090/search>.

### VELOCITAS OFFICERS NEWSLETTER

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