



It is a great day to be a Theta Chi!

By Dale Taylor, National President (Alpha Phi/Alabama '69)

I have just returned from the greater Pacific Northwest and one of the educational sessions sponsored by our Fraternity. It was a long journey, but the opportunity to interact with the outstanding college men who have chosen to be a part of our Fraternity made the trip worthwhile. Those of us—and there are many—who have chosen to be involved in our National Fraternity as alumni, do so to pay back a small portion of the experience we had as an undergraduate member. We have varied experiences and we come from all over our country, but we each volunteer our time to improve and assist our Brothers in the experience they are enjoying. It is rewarding enough to see them involved in bettering their chapters, but it is doubly rewarding to hear them thank you for spending your time with Theta Chi. I hope more of you out there will seek out those opportunities to give back to your chapter or to a chapter nearby. We are *always* in need of men who will share their life experiences with our members. **Yes, indeed, it is a great day in Theta Chi!**

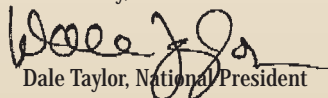
In addition, there is a lot to be learned from listening as you travel. I find that each time I go to represent the Fraternity, whether it be at an interfraternal meeting, with our undergraduates, or with fellow alumnus members, I learn more than I impart. Interfraternally, we are all part of a greater Greek community that is willing to share ideas and to assist each other. The experiences that other fellow Greeks have had with technology use, for example, is fascinating. The undergraduates of today are so interested in the latest phone(s), iPod(s), or other device(s) and use them interchangeably, and often. Theta Chi is exploring a web based interactive technology (MySpace type) for our membership and we hope to move forward on that. This has implications for the future interconnectivity of all members of all ages in Theta Chi. What a wonderful way to bring alumni together, undergrads together, all of us together in one large community! Networking opportunities are the most exciting where registered members may search for other, registered members who have the same vocation or live in the same area. It would allow members of pledge classes or year groups to communicate with each other and maintain contact. I cannot even begin to imagine the range of uses that will be available to us all. Watch for an announcement of this new experience in Theta Chi. **See, it *is* a great day in Theta Chi.**

Finally, it is a "Great Day in Theta Chi" because each of you who read this *Rattle* has an opportunity renew your commitment to those oaths that may have been taken just yesterday or significant years ago. Today, just as Arthur Chase and Frederick Norton Freeman did those 150+ years ago, our new initiates commit themselves to each other and to every Theta Chi who becomes known to them. It is both a miracle and a wonderful feeling of joy to know that, for all those years, we have all said the same thing to each other. Join me in renewing those oaths and in remembering how great it felt to join something larger than your local chapter. Become a part of something good and fulfilling—not for a day, a year or a college term only, but for a lifetime!

It is *always* a great day in Theta Chi.

Best wishes to each of my Brothers in Theta Chi now and always.

Fraternally,


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