

## Growth is Essential

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Expansion is at the top of the list of goals made by the Grand Chapter each year. Growth is essential to the success and survival of Theta Chi Fraternity and it has been since Brother Park Valentine Perkins transferred from Norwich University to MIT in 1901 and recruited men to establish our Beta Chapter.

The 2006-2007 academic year has brought a great deal of success in the area of expansion. The Northern Arizona University Colony became the Iota Kappa Chapter on October 21, 2006. National President, Mike Maloney, and Director of Leadership Development, Bill Russo, conducted the initiation and installation for 52 men in Flagstaff, Arizona, and LEC Andy McIntosh coordinated the ceremonies and the initiation week activities.

I, personally, arrived in Lakeland, Florida along with Ben Hill in October 2006 to begin the "cold start" re-colonization process of the former Gamma Delta Chapter at Florida Southern College. By the time I departed Lakeland in early December 2006, we had recruited 13 new members. When I returned in January for the spring recruitment week, I was able to assist the interest group with the recruitment of 12 additional, new members. The colonization ceremony of 25 men took place on March 25, 2007 and was coordinated by LEC Steven Thomas.

The Gamma Eta Interest Group at Bucknell University held their re-colonization ceremony on February 17, 2007 which was coordinated by LEC, Derek Lightcap.

Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, is the home of our former Beta Delta Chapter and I was challenged to begin the re-colonization for this group in February, 2007. The group currently consists of 18 men who plan to grow to 25 by early fall 2007 in order to become a colony. They, also, plan to have 45 men and be re-chartered in the spring of 2008.

LEC, Marcus Scott, recruited men to begin the re-colonization of Beta Gamma Chapter at the University of North Dakota and also worked on the re-colonization of Epsilon Tau Chapter at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas. In April, he coordinated the re-installation of our Delta Phi chapter at the University of North Texas and Executive Director, Dale Taylor; Director of Chapter Services and Expansion, Joe Wachs; and Director of Leadership Development, Ben Hill were in attendance. Fifty two new brothers were initiated into Theta Chi at that time.

Another brand new chapter, Iota Lambda, was installed on April 21 at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. Fifty two men were initiated by a group consisting of Executive Director, Dale Taylor; Director of Alumni Resources and Housing, Jereme Grinslade; Director of Leadership Development, Ben Hill; LEC, Andy McIntosh and LEC Lucas Elgie, coordinated that initiation and installation events.



Three generations of Paradiso men are now members of Theta Chi Fraternity. At the Longwood installation, Rick Paradiso, Jr (Zeta Pi/Old Dominion '79) and Rick Paradiso, Sr.(Iota Lambda/Longwood '56) celebrated the initiation of their son and grandson, Rick Paradiso (Iota Lambda/Longwood '07)

### Growing with Theta Chi

Installations or Reinstallations in 2006-2008

#### 2006

Alpha Iota/Indiana University  
Beta Tau/University of Southern California  
Gamma Rho/Florida State University  
Iota Theta/University of Central Florida  
Iota Kappa/Northern Arizona University

#### 2007

Delta Phi/University of North Texas  
Iota Lambda/Longwood University

#### 2008 \*anticipated

Beta Delta/Rutgers  
Gamma Delta/Florida Southern College

Contact Joe Wachs, Director of Chapter Services and Expansion, for details.

**"The making of friends, who are real friends, is the best token we have of a man's success in life." – Edward Hale**