

Theta Chi is part of each of us!

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From the time we are born, we travel a road of life filled with experiences. Some are good and some are bad, but we learn from each of them and that is what molds us as individuals. Our parents strive to give to us the ability to make good choices and to have good values that will insure our fortunes in life. They cannot choose our friends, nor can they live our lives—we do that! We go through school choosing both the guys and the girls we like and enjoy, but it is only when we reach college age and become independent of our parents, that we actually begin to develop intense interactions. This does not mean that high school friends are not still there, but our interactions and experiences in college usually lead to bonds that are more lasting. Fraternity can, and does, play a significant role in establishing those life-long friendships.

When I speak to new member classes, I always tell them to look around the room because they will see the individuals who will be in their weddings, will be there in times of need, or, in the ultimate, there when the end of life closes the book of life on us. I know that it does not truly “sink in” at that moment, but it is true that Theta Chi friendships do last forever—a lifetime experience!

So, why am I talking about friendship and lifetime experiences? Because we need to remember that Fraternity is relationships and not just some entity in Indianapolis. It is shared experiences and people that have significantly affected our lives in one way or another. As I seek to improve our contact with and linkage to alumni, I want to see us pause more often and thank Theta Chi for the impact it has had on our lives. Would you have known this individual, or had that leadership opportunity, or met your wife without membership in our Fraternity? Sure, other events or organizations might have balanced things out and, probably, our lives would have turned out similar to what they are now, but they wouldn't be quite the same. We are, indeed, products of what we bring with us from our parents and what we experience.

Theta Chi needs you now so that your life and your success and your thoughts and your experiences can become part of the life of a chapter, or of many chapters, in all parts of our great nation. Won't you join us in assisting our undergraduates as they grow and develop that interdependence so necessary in our future society? If you have the time, a commodity we all have too little of today, contact me to learn about volunteer opportunities near your home or at your Alma Mater.

Please share your life and abilities with us and with our undergraduate Brothers!

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Taylor".

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