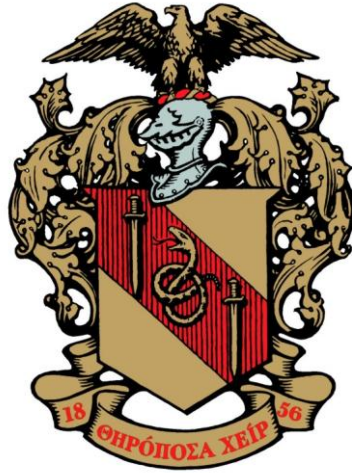


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Theta Chi Fraternity Award Descriptions and Procedures

Introduction

Article VIII, Section 2 of *The Constitution & Bylaws of Theta Chi Fraternity* states:

“The rules and procedures for the Fraternity’s awards are set forth in a document entitled “Theta Chi Fraternity Award Descriptions and Procedures” which may not be modified or amended except by resolution adopted by the vote of at least six members of the Grand Chapter.”

Most of the awards require completion of a nomination or application form. The forms have instructions and more useful information about the award. These forms are available at www.thetachi.org or by contacting the International Headquarters.

Chapters are not restricted from creating their own awards for internal chapter use. Likewise, alumni corporations, associations and other recognized bodies of Theta Chi Fraternity may honor, recognize and reward individuals or chapters with their own awards. However, any such award must be consistent with the ideals and highest standards of Theta Chi Fraternity.

AWARDS FOR UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTERS

The Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence

Purpose: The most prestigious award presented to a chapter, The Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence may be awarded annually to recognize overall excellence in chapter organization and operations for the most recent academic year. The award is not intended to honor a single best chapter, but rather those chapters in Theta Chi Fraternity that exemplify excellence across a broad spectrum.

Background: Howard Alter Jr., Omega/Pennsylvania State University '41 served two terms on the Grand Chapter (1958-62, 1962-66), including two terms as National President (1962-64, 1964-66); he served as Executive Director of the Fraternity from 1968 to 1984. Brother Alter also served on the Foundation Chapter (1968-84), two terms on the National Board of Trustees (now the Norwich Housing Corporation) (1984-89, 1989-94), including one term as president (1992-93). He was the third Theta Chi to receive the Gold Medal from the North-American Interfraternity Conference, the highest award given by the NIC.

The Grand Chapter created the Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence in 1984, upon the petition by several former field men (now called Leadership and Education Consultants) who worked for Brother Alter during his tenure as Executive Director.

Description of the Award: Chapters receiving the Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence are given a large framed certificate bearing the image of Brother Alter. Additionally, a large plaque also bearing the image of Brother Alter is on permanent display at the International Headquarters; upon this plaque are engraved the names of those chapters that receive the award, along with the year of receipt.

Eligibility and Application Process: Chapters must submit an application to be considered for the award. The required application form with instructions and additional details is available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. Applications are reviewed by current and former field men, who select which chapters will receive the award. Any number of chapters may receive the award in a given year.

Presentation: The Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence is presented at a time and in a manner directed by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter Scholarship Award

Purpose: The Grand Chapter Scholarship Award shall be presented annually to the active chapter of the Fraternity having the best scholastic record for the prior calendar year. The Grand Chapter Scholarship Award shall be represented by the Stanford Scholarship Trophy to honor those brothers from our Alpha Epsilon Chapter that generously donated this trophy to the fraternity.

Background: In 1928 the Grand Chapter approved an annual award to recognize the chapter with the most outstanding academic record. The Alpha Epsilon chapter at Stanford University presented the Grand Chapter with a large silver loving cup trophy to be used as the actual award; the chapter winning the award kept the trophy for one year. The original trophy has been retired and is on permanent display at the International Headquarters.

Description of the Award: The winning chapter symbolically is presented with the original Stanford Trophy as well as a framed certificate to be kept by the chapter.

Eligibility and Application Process: The International Headquarters collects chapter academic records directly from colleges and universities. A formula is utilized to calculate a score that normalizes the data and compares the chapter grade point average to the campus all men's grade point average. Chapters must be in good standing to be eligible to receive the award. The chapter with the best academic score for the prior calendar year will be presented with the award.

Presentation: The Grand Chapter Scholarship Award is presented at a time and in a manner directed by the Grand Chapter.

The Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy

Purpose: The Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy is presented annually to recognize excellence in exemplifying our motto by assisting others in need.

Background: James G. Lewis, Alpha Xi/Delaware, served three terms on the Grand Chapter. During that time, his 10 year old daughter Sidney Ann contracted spinal meningitis. Desperate measures were deemed necessary to fight the disease, and Lewis twice gave blood for transfusions. When doctors refused to use his blood again, brothers from the Upsilon chapter at New York University rushed to the hospital to offer their blood. Despite their selfless efforts, Sidney Ann passed away.

In memory of his daughter, and to express his gratefulness to the Fraternity, Brother Lewis presented the Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy to the Grand Chapter. While Lewis left it to the Grand Chapter to determine how the trophy would be used, it had traditionally been awarded to the chapter that had made the most progress during the previous year.

In June 23, 2008 the National Advisory Committee recommended that the Grand Chapter use the award to recognize chapters and/or individual brothers that exemplify our motto of the assisting hand, a purpose more fitting to the memory of Sidney Ann and Brother Lewis.

Description of the Award: The original Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy is an impressive silver trophy that remains on permanent display at the International Headquarters. It is symbolically presented each year when the award is given. The recipient of the award is also presented with a framed certificate bearing their name and the date that the award is presented.

Eligibility and Application Process: Chapters of the Fraternity may be nominated by anyone for this award. A nomination form with instructions and additional details is available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. The Lewis Award Committee will determine which chapter or individual will receive the award each year.

Presentation: Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy is presented at a time and in a manner directed by the Grand Chapter.

The Chapter Achievement Award

Purpose: Chapter Achievement Award shall be awarded annually to recognize those chapters that demonstrate distinction in chapter organization and operations for the most recent academic year. It is the second highest award that may be given to a chapter on an annual basis and any number of chapters may receive the award in a given year.

Background: The Chapter Achievement Award was created by the Grand Chapter in 1991 to recognize and encourage those chapters that do not receive the Howard R. Alter Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence, but nonetheless demonstrate substantial success, progress, and improvement in chapter organization and operations during the preceding academic year.

Description of the Award: The Chapter Achievement Award is a certificate bearing the chapter name and the date that the award is presented.

Eligibility and Application Process: Any chapter applying for the Howard R. Alter Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence is automatically considered for this award. A committee decides upon the recipient chapter(s). Any number of chapters may receive the award in a given year.

Presentation: The Chapter Achievement Award is presented at a time and in a manner directed by the Grand Chapter.

The Chapter Excellence Award

Purpose: The Chapter Excellence Award is presented annually to recognize demonstrated excellence in specific areas of chapter operations and programming for the most recent academic year. The areas are: (1), Alumni Programming; (2), Campus Involvement; (3), Chapter Finances; (4), Chapter Operations; (5), The Helping Hand (Community Service); (6), Internet Technology; (7), New Member and Member Education; (8), Recruitment Programming; (9), Risk Management Programming; (10), The Ritual; (11), Scholarship Programming; (12), Social Programming; and (13), Theta Chi Procedures and Involvement.

Background: The Chapter Excellence Award was created by the Grand Chapter in 1991.

Description of the Award: The Chapter Excellence Award consists of a certificate bearing the chapter name and the date that the award is presented.

Eligibility and Application Process: Chapters must submit applications to be considered for the awards. Each area requires a separate form and chapters are not required to apply for all areas. The required applications forms with instructions and additional details are available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. The Executive Director and other Directors of the International Headquarters will determine which applicants merit the award.

Presentation: The Chapter Excellence Award is presented at a time and in a manner directed by the Grand Chapter.

The Convention Attendance Trophy

Purpose: The Convention Attendance Trophy recognizes the chapter, colony or interest group that has the best attendance at the National Convention or Chapter Leadership Conference.

Background: The Convention Attendance Trophy, commonly referred to as the “Man-Mile Trophy” was first awarded on August 29th, 1931 at the 75th Anniversary Convention held at Norwich University. The trophy that was originally used for the award was held by the winning chapter until the next National Convention.

Description of the Award: The original Convention Attendance Trophy is symbolically presented to the chapter receiving the award. A framed certificate is also presented to the winning chapter.

Eligibility and Application Process: The winner of the award is determined by multiplying the number of attendees officially registered for the National Convention or Chapter Leadership Conference by the number of miles from the chapter to the event site. The International Headquarters staff computes the score after the close of official on-site registration at the event.

Presentation: The award will be presented during the National Convention or Chapter Leadership Conference.

The James M. Holland Award

Purpose: The James M. Holland Award is presented to the chapter that initiates the most men in the previous academic year.

Background: James Michael Holland, Alpha/Norwich University '83 was one of only fifteen students and the sole undergraduate member of Theta Chi Fraternity returning to the University in the fall of 1881. With the assistance of six local alumni, he initiated Henry B. Hersey and Philip S. Randall, thus preserving the continuity of the Fraternity.

The James M. Holland Award was created by the Grand Chapter March 20, 1993 to honor Brother Holland's accomplishments.

Description of the Award: The James M. Holland Award is a framed certificate bearing the portrait of Brother Holland as well as the name of the winning chapter.

Eligibility and Application Process: All chapters are eligible to receive this award and automatically qualify when they submit membership applications and payments to the International Headquarters during the course of each academic year. The winning chapter is determined by the International Headquarters staff.

Presentation: The James M. Holland Award is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter.

The Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award

Purpose: The Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award is presented to the chapter that has the most significant percentage increase in membership in an academic year.

Background: Henry Blanchard Hersey, Alpha/Norwich University '85 helped to preserve the Fraternity when he and Philip S. Randall were initiated by James M. Holland and local alumnus members in 1881. Hersey is credited with helping to rebuild membership in the Alpha chapter over the next four years through aggressive recruitment.

The Significant Increase in Membership Award was created by the Grand Chapter March 20, 1993, and was renamed the Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award on June 23, 2008 to honor Brother Hersey's accomplishments.

Description of the Award: The Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award is a framed certificate,

Eligibility and Application Process: All chapters are eligible to receive this award and automatically qualify when they submit the membership application and payments to the International Headquarters during the course of academic year. The winning chapter is determined by the International Headquarters staff.

Presentation: The Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter.

The Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award

Purpose: The Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award is presented to all chapters that initiate more than 25 men in an academic year.

Background: Phil Sheridan Randall, Alpha/Norwich University '85 helped to preserve the Fraternity when he and Henry B. Hersey were initiated by James M. Holland and local alumnus members in 1881. Brother Randall later collected and preserved many Alpha chapter artifacts and served as a historical consultant to the Grand Chapter until his death in 1960. The Success in Rush Award was created by the Grand Chapter March 20, 1993, and was renamed the Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award on June 23, 2008 to honor Brother Randall's accomplishments.

Description of the Award: The Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award is a framed certificate that is presented to all winners.

Eligibility and Application Process: All chapters are eligible to receive this award and automatically qualify when they submit the membership application and payments to the International Headquarters during the course of academic year.

Presentation: The Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter.

AWARDS FOR UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERS

The Reginald E.F. Colley Memorial Trophy

Purpose: The Reginald E.F. Colley Memorial Trophy is the highest honor bestowed upon an undergraduate member of Theta Chi Fraternity. The award is presented annually by the Grand Chapter to one undergraduate member who best demonstrates distinguished service to *alma mater*, fraternity, and chapter.

Background: Captain Reginald E. F. Colley, Phi/North Dakota State University `15 was leader in his chapter and on his campus as an undergraduate, a leader in local civic and community organizations as an alumnus, and a respected army veteran of the First World War. He was elected to the Grand Chapter in 1925, serving as National Chaplain, but resigned for health reasons the following year. Brother Colley's premature death has been attributed to wounds received during his military service; he served on the Western Front in the chemical weapons division, both instigating and receiving mustard gas attacks. He was the first Grand Chapter member to pass to the Chapter Eternal; he was only 39 years old when he died in 1927.

The Grand Chapter created The Reginald E.F. Colley Memorial Trophy in 1928.

Description of the Award: The Colley Memorial Trophy originally consisted of a large silver loving cup that was presented to the Grand Chapter in 1928 by Frederick W. Ladue, Iota/Colgate University `12, following the death of Brother Colley. This trophy was retired in 1950, and remains on display at the International Headquarters in Indianapolis. The originally trophy is still symbolically presented to the recipient who also receives an impressive plaque. Runner's up are presented with certificates.

Eligibility and Application Process: Undergraduate members must be nominated by their chapter and each chapter may only nominate one member each year. The required nomination form with instructions and additional details is available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. An appointed committee composed almost entirely of former recipients selects the recipient and the two runners-up.

Presentation: The Reginald E.F. Colley Award is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter

The James Ralph “Shug” Jordan Award

Purpose: The James Ralph “Shug” Jordan Award is awarded annually by the Grand Chapter to a single undergraduate scholar/athlete of the Fraternity who demonstrates impressive leadership, service, and scholastic accomplishments as well as athletic ability and a commitment to excellence in intercollegiate athletics.

Background: The Grand Chapter created The Jordan Award on May 6, 1994 in memory of Coach James Ralph “Shug” Jordan, Chi/Auburn University `32, who was a player, assistant coach, and head coach for the Auburn University Tigers football team for 39 years. During the 25 years he served as head coach, from 1951 to 1975, he earned a record of 176-83-6, won the AP/UPI National Championship in 1957, and received four Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year awards (1953, 1957, 1963, 1972). In 1982, Brother Jordan was posthumously elected to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame. To honor him, Auburn University renamed its football stadium, Hare Stadium, as Jordan-Hare Stadium.

Description of the Award: The Jordan Award consists of a large wooden plaque bearing a photograph of Brother Jordan and a plate with the recipient’s name and chapter engraved upon it.

Eligibility and Application Process: Undergraduate members may be nominated by any individual member or recognized group in the Fraternity. A chapter may only nominate one member each year. The required nomination form with instructions and additional details is available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. An appointed committee selects the recipient.

Presentation: The James Ralph “Shug” Jordan Award is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter

The Active Chapter Service Award

Purpose: The Active Chapter Service Award is to be presented each academic year by each chapter to the undergraduate member whom it selects as “The undergraduate member who has contributed most to the welfare of the chapter during the current school year.”

Background: The Active Chapter Service Award was created by the Grand Chapter in August 7, 1943.

Description of the Award: The Active Chapter Service Award consists of a gold key. The first side bears the shield and helmet from the Coat of Arms while the reverse side contains the inscription: Active Chapter Service Award (with space for engraving the name of the recipient and the date of presentation). Active Chapter Service Award keys are available through the International Headquarters.

Eligibility and Application Process: Each chapter selects the recipient via a method of its own choosing. The required nomination form with instructions and additional details is available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. This form is used to order the award which will be sent directly to the undergraduate chapter.

Presentation: It is presented by the chapter to the recipient in a manner of its choosing.

The Key Man Award

Purpose: The Key Man Award is awarded to participants of the School of Fraternity Practices or Chapter Leadership Conference with satisfactory attendance.

Background: The Key Man Award was created on April 20, 1939, and was presented to all undergraduate members who completed the requirements of the School of Fraternity Practices, first held in conjunction with the 83rd Anniversary Convention. In 1985, it was first presented to all undergraduate members who completed the sessions of the Chapter Leadership Conference. Today, it is presented to undergraduate and alumni participants and alumni and non-member staff of any summer national leadership institute, either the School of Fraternity Practices or the Chapter Leadership Conference. The “Key Man with an E Award” may be utilized to recognize those participants who demonstrate extra effort and initiative at such institutes by attending additional educational sessions.

Description of the Award: The Key Man Award was originally a gold key with red trim upon which was printed in red the Greek letters Theta and Chi. The award has evolved into a certificate containing the recipients’ name and chapter.

Eligibility and Application Process: At the national summer conference, it is the responsibility of the participants to ensure they document their attendance at all events of these institutes in order to claim their awards.

Presentation: The Key Man Certificate is presented upon completion of the corresponding leadership event.

The Park Valentine Perkins Award

Purpose: The Park Valentine Perkins Award may be given to member(s) who demonstrate a commitment to expansion by starting or significantly assisting a colony that becomes or is re-installed as a chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Background: Park Valentine Perkins, Alpha, Norwich University `05, was initiated into the Fraternity at the Alpha chapter, and later transferred from Norwich University to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. There he recruited the founding members of Beta chapter and enlisted the alumni support necessary for the approval and installation of the Beta chapter. The Grand Chapter created the Perkins Award in October 12, 1991 to recognize the member or members most responsible for the founding, growth, and development of new chapters.

Description of the Award: The Perkins award is a framed certificate bearing the name and chapter of the recipient.

Eligibility and Application Process: Undergraduate members may be nominated by any individual member or recognized group in the Fraternity. A nomination form with additional details and instructions is available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. The Executive Director and other Directors of the International Headquarters will determine which nominees, if any, merit the award.

Presentation: The Park Valentine Perkins Award is presented in an appropriate manner as determined by the Executive Director.

The Kenneth L. Duke Memorial Award

Purpose: The Kenneth L. Duke, Sr. Memorial Award may be presented to one member each year to recognize an exceptional commitment to risk management practices.

Background: The award is named in memory of Kenneth L. Duke, Sr. The Grand Chapter created the Duke Scholarship Award in 2004, upon the recommendation of the Risk Management Committee to recognize the single most outstanding risk manager among undergraduate members. Like the recipients of the Colley and Jordan Awards, the recipient of the Duke Scholarship Award must demonstrate impressive leadership, service, and scholastic accomplishments, but unlike the recipients of those two awards, the recipient of the Duke Scholarship Award must have made contributions in the field of risk management: nominees must be current or former chapter officers who chaired the risk management committee, current or former campus Interfraternity Conference (IFC) officers who addressed risk management issues, or students studying in academic fields that include risk management, insurance, or safety.

Description of the Award: The Duke Scholarship Award consists of two aspects. The first is a framed certificate bearing the name and chapter of the recipient. The second is an academic scholarship, payable to the current institution of higher education the recipient attends, if he is still an undergraduate student, or to the next institution of higher education the recipient attends, if he is a graduating senior.

Eligibility and Application Process: Undergraduate members may be nominated by any individual member or recognized group in the Fraternity. The required nomination form with instructions and additional details is available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. The National Standards Committee determines the recipient of the award.

Presentation: The Kenneth L. Duke, Sr. Memorial Award is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter

AWARDS FOR ALUMNUS MEMBERS

Distinguished Service Award of Theta Chi Fraternity

Purpose: By means of this award the Fraternity is able to show its official appreciation and to publicly recognize and properly honor those alumni members of the Fraternity who by reason of outstanding national service, personal effort and unselfish interest have made distinguished contributions to the lasting good and general welfare of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Background: Authorized and established by the Grand Chapter on December 17, 1938, this is the highest award in the Fraternity, presented to members for outstanding service to the Fraternity. The first Distinguished Service Award was presented to Frederick Norton Freeman, Alpha/Norwich University '57 and the second to Arthur Chase, Alpha/Norwich University '56.

The number of awards is limited to not more than one a year, but special arrangements were made at the time the award was authorized to permit the recognition of service performed prior to the establishment of the award. At no time can the total number of awards made exceed the number of years in the age of the fraternity. The award can be presented posthumously, in which case the certificate only is sent to the nearest of kin.

The Distinguished Service Award of Theta Chi Fraternity may be presented only by the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Description of the Award: The Distinguished Service Award consists of two physical items. The first is a gold rectangular key with black enamel face. On the front is mounted a small reproduction of the Founders' Badge while the reverse bears the inscription: Theta Chi Fraternity Distinguished Service Award #_, presented to (name of member). The second is an engraved certificate bearing a hand engrossed citation describing the service for which the award is presented.

Eligibility and Application Process: Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award may be made by any member of the Fraternity, or by any group in the Fraternity. Such nominations should be submitted to the Executive Director on a special form that will be furnished for the purpose on request. Nominations are presented to a secret committee of five members who consider nominations and select recipients of the award. The members of the secret committee are appointed by the National President. Each member of the committee serves for a 5 year term with the term of one member expiring each year on December 31st. The members of the committee are known only to themselves, the National President and the Executive Director.

Presentation: When the Distinguished Service Award Committee approves a member for the Distinguished Service Award, the name of the recipient and award citation is forwarded to the Grand Chapter for presentation in whatever manner it chooses.

The Distinguished Achievement Award of Theta Chi Fraternity

Purpose: The Distinguished Achievement Award of Theta Chi Fraternity recognizes alumnus members for exceptional professional accomplishments, career achievements, and community or public service.

Background: The Grand Chapter created The Distinguished Achievement Award on October 13, 2007, upon recommendation by the 148th National Convention in 2004 to create an award which shall serve to recognize alumnus members of the Fraternity for outstanding accomplishments not related to service to the Fraternity.

Description of the Award: The Distinguished Achievement Award consists of a framed, engraved bearing a hand engrossed citation describing the achievements for which the award is presented. The bottom of the plaque bears the inscription: Theta Chi Fraternity Distinguished Achievement Award #_, presented to (name of member).

Eligibility and Application Process: Nominations for the Distinguished Achievement Award may be made by any member of the Fraternity, or by any recognized group in the Fraternity. Such nominations should be submitted to the Executive Director on a special form that will be furnished for the purpose on request. Nominations will be forwarded to the National Advisory Committee who will consider nominations and select recipients of the award. Only one Distinguished Achievement Award may be presented each year to a living alumnus but any number may be awarded posthumously provided that at no time shall the total number of awards given exceed the age of the Fraternity in years.

Presentation: When the National Advisory Committee approves a member for the Distinguished Achievement Award, the name of the recipient and award citation is forwarded to the Grand Chapter for presentation in whatever manner it chooses.

Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award

Purpose: The Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award may be awarded to members who have demonstrated a lifetime of dedicated and outstanding service to Theta Chi Fraternity. It is the second highest honor bestowed upon an individual member of the Fraternity.

Background: The Theta Chi for Life Award was established and authorized by the Grand Chapter in 1975. The award is named in honor of Earl D. "Dusty" Rhodes, Delta/ Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute '21.

The first Theta Chi for Life Award was presented to Earl D. "Dusty" Rhodes on the Fraternity's 120th Anniversary, April 10, 1976, who through his service earned the nickname Mr. Theta Chi and was considered The Grand Old Man of the Fraternity as the time of his passing to The Chapter Eternal. He served five terms on the Grand Chapter (1934-37, 1937-39, 1939-41, 1946-50, 1952-56), four terms as National President (1937-39, 1939-41, 1946-48, 1954-56), twice on the National Board of Trustees (1941-46, 1960-70), as president of the National Interfraternity Council, and received the NIC Gold Medal, the highest award in the interfraternal community, the second Theta Chi so honored.

Description of the Award: The award consists of a framed certificate bearing the name and chapter of the recipient. Unlike the Distinguished Service Award, the Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award is not a singular award; the Grand Chapter may present this award as many times as is warranted in a given year.

Eligibility and Application Process: Nominations for this award can be made by any past or current member of the Grand Chapter, Norwich Housing Corporation, Foundation Chapter, or the Executive Director. Nominations are submitted to the Executive Director and forwarded to the National Advisory Committee, which decides if the nominee(s) warrants the award.

Presentation: If and when the National Advisory Committee approves a member for the Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award, the name of the recipient and award citation is forwarded to the Grand Chapter for presentation in whatever manner it chooses.

The George T. Kilavos Alumni Award

Purpose: The George T. Kilavos Alumni Award permits the Grand Chapter, undergraduate chapters, alumni chapter, alumni corporations and other organized groups in the Fraternity to officially show their appreciation of and to publicly recognize and properly honor those alumnus members of the Fraternity who by reason of exceptional service, personal effort and unselfish interest have made meritorious contributions to the local, regional or national general welfare of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Background: Authorized and established by the Grand Chapter on January 20, 1946, the Alumni Award was renamed the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award on June 23, 2008 in memory of George T. Kilavos, Delta Xi/Valparaiso University '55. Brother Kilavos served four terms on the Grand Chapter (1970-74, 1974-78, 1980-84, 1984-88) and seven terms as National President (1972-74, 1974-76, 1976-78, 1980-82, 1982-84, 1984-86, 1986-88.)

Description of the Award: The award consists of two physical items, a key and an engraved certificate. The first is a sterling silver key with a chased border and a red enamel background, on which is mounted the coat of arms of the Fraternity. The second is a framed certificate bearing the name and chapter of the recipient. If the Grand Chapter presents the award, then the key will contain a small ruby at the bottom center of the border.

Eligibility and Application Process: Any individual member or recognized group in the Fraternity may nominate qualified members for the award. Each chapter or alumni corporation may give up to 10 George T. Kilavos Alumni Awards each year. The required nomination form with instructions and additional details is available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. Nominations are reviewed and approved by the Grand Chapter.

Presentation: The presentation of the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award is usually presented in a manner requested in the nomination.

The David E. DeVol Award

Purpose: The David E. DeVol Award recognizes volunteers at the local, regional or international level for outstanding volunteer service above and beyond for Theta Chi Fraternity.

Background: The award is named in honor of David E. DeVol, Gamma Theta/San Diego State University, '56, who served two terms on the Grand Chapter (1972-76, 1976-80), including one term as National President (1978-80), and on the National Board of Trustees (now the Norwich Housing Corporation) from 1985 to 1995, and on the board of directors of the Foundation Chapter. Brother DeVol is known for always giving far more than what was required for any position he held within the Fraternity. The DeVol Award was created in 2003 by David L. Westol, Beta Zeta/Michigan State University, '73, who served as the Executive Director at that time.

Description of the Award: The award consists of a certificate bearing the name and chapter of the recipient. The award is presented by the Executive Director to members he believes, over the previous academic year, provided the Fraternity with extraordinary effort and dedication. There is no minimum or maximum number of awards that may be presented; this is solely at the discretion of the executive director based upon the reports he receives and the observations he makes.

Eligibility and Application Process: The Executive Director selects the recipients of this award and there is no limit to the number that may be presented in a given year.

Presentation: The Executive Director may present the award in any manner deemed appropriate.

The Ross A. Nash Spirit of Theta Chi Award

Purpose: The Ross A. Nash Spirit of Theta Chi Award recognizes alumnus members who have contributed to the Fraternity despite tremendous personal hardship and adversity.

Background: Ross A. Nash, Zeta Epsilon/California State University, Long Beach '80 is a longtime alumnus advisor to his chapter and alumnus delegate at many National Conventions. He has remained an active and committed member of the Fraternity despite the numerous challenges of Adult/Late Onset of Tay-Sachs Disease, a degenerative neuromuscular disorder. Rather than ask for assistance, Brother Nash continued to offer it to the Zeta Epsilon Alumni Association and the San Diego Alumni Chapter and the Muscular Dystrophy Association to his community. The Ross A. Nash Spirit of Theta Chi Award was created by the Grand Chapter November 18, 2006.

Description of the Award: The award consists of a framed certificate bearing the name and chapter of the recipient. Like the Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award, the Grand Chapter may present this award as many times as is warranted in a given year.

Eligibility and Application Process: Any alumnus member is eligible for the award. The required nomination form with instructions and additional details is available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. The National Advisory Committee determines the recipients of the award.

Presentation: The presentation of the Ross A. Nash Spirit of Theta Chi Award is usually made in a manner requested within the nomination itself.

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

The Chapman-Alter Award for Interfraternal Excellence

Purpose: The Chapman-Alter Award for Interfraternal Excellence is presented to individuals who through distinguished service have made significant and lasting contributions to the development and advancement of the North American Fraternity System.

Background: George W. Chapman, Omega/Pennsylvania State University '20, was the first Regional Counselor in Theta Chi Fraternity. He also served three terms on the Grand Chapter (1937-39, 1939-41, and 1941-46) and twenty years (1948-68) as the Executive Director. He guided the Fraternity through a period of unprecedented expansion and enhancement, and became the first Theta Chi to receive the North American Interfraternity Conference's prestigious Gold Medal, the highest award for interfraternal leadership and service.

Howard R. Alter Jr. served two terms on the Grand Chapter (1958-62, 1962-66), including two terms as National President (1962-64, 1964-66), as Executive Director, and on the Foundation Chapter (1968-84), two terms on the National Board of Trustees (now the Norwich Housing Corporation) (1984-89, 1989-94), including one term as president (1992-93). He was the third Theta Chi to receive the North American Interfraternity Conference's Gold Medal.

The Grand Chapter created the Chapman-Alter Award for Interfraternal Excellence on November 9, 2001.

Description of the Award: The Chapman-Alter Award for Interfraternal Excellence consists of an engraved plaque bearing the name of the recipient, his or her Greek affiliation, and the date of presentation.

Eligibility and Application Process: Any member or chapter may nominate an individual for the Chapman-Alter Award for Interfraternal Excellence. Nomination forms and instructions are available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. The National Advisory Committee reviews any nominations and selects the recipients.

Presentation: The Chapman-Alter Award for Interfraternal Excellence is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter.

The Floyd W. Field Award

Purpose: The Floyd W. Field Award honors outstanding university administrators and faculty including Deans of Students, Greek Advisors and chapter advisors who have made extraordinary efforts toward the enhancement of the Greek movement.

Background: Floyd W. Field, Alpha Nu/Georgia Institute of Technology '23 graduated from Harvard University in 1902 and became an alumnus initiate of Theta Chi Fraternity when the Alpha Nu chapter was installed at the George Tech. He was a professor of mathematics and the first Dean of Students at George Tech, petitioning the board of trustees to create the position of Dean to better supervise undergraduate life. Brother Field is recognized as a visionary leader among early college deans who not only challenged universities to recognize the role of student life in the collegiate environment but also challenged fraternities to pay closer attention to scholarship, recruitment, and new member education.

Description of the Award: The Field Award consists of a silver bowl, engraved with the name of the recipient.

Eligibility and Application Process: Any outstanding university faculty or staff member who has offered extraordinary efforts toward the enhancement of the Greek movement may be nominated for the Floyd W. Field Award. Nominees may be male or female and do not need to be a member of a Greek letter organization.

Nomination forms and instructions are available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. The Grand Chapter reviews any nominations and selects the recipients.

Presentation: The Floyd W. Field Award for Outstanding Greek Professional is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter

The Citation of Honor

Purpose: The Citation of Honor may be awarded to members and non-members who have assisted the Fraternity, a chapter or chapters or any member of the Fraternity.

Background: The Citation of Honor was authorized by the Grand Chapter during the tenure of George Chapman as Executive Director.

Description of the Award: The Citation of Honor consists of a certificate, suitable for framing, bearing the name and chapter of the recipient if a member or the Greek affiliation (if applicable) of a non-member. If the award is presented to a member, the wording reads: in appreciation and recognition of outstanding service to the Fraternity. If the award is presented to a non-member, the wording reads: in appreciation and recognition of outstanding service to the fraternity movement.

Eligibility and Application Process: Any qualified person may be may be nominated by any individual member or recognized group in the Fraternity. A nomination form and instructions with additional details is available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. The Executive Director reviews and approves all nominations.

Presentation: Presentation of the Citation of Honor is usually made in a manner requested on the nomination form.

The Mabel Oswaldt Appreciation Award

Purpose: The Mabel Oswaldt Appreciation Award may be presented to women who have rendered to the Fraternity support or service worthy of recognition.

Background: Mabel M. Oswaldt (1912-2002) was the administrative assistant for six different Executive Directors, serving from 1932 to 1989, the entire fifty seven years the Executive Office was located in Trenton, New Jersey. For many of those years, she was the sole staff assistant.

The Appreciation Award was created by the Grand Chapter on July 15, 1946, and renamed the Mabel M. Oswaldt Appreciation Award on June 30, 2002.

Description of the Award: The Oswaldt Award consists of a gold pin bearing an official sister pin set above the motto and the ribbon from the coat of arms. The award consists of a gold pin bearing and official sister pin set above the motto ribbon taken from the coat of arms. Oswaldt Awards presented by the Grand Chapter have rubies set in the hilts of the swords; those presented by other groups are un-jeweled.

Eligibility and Application Process: Any qualified woman may be may be nominated by any individual member or recognized group in the Fraternity. A nomination form with additional details and instructions is available from the International Headquarters via the www.ThetaChi.org website. The Grand Chapter reviews and approves all nominations.

Presentation: The presentation of the Oswaldt Award is usually made in a manner requested within the nomination itself.

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The Grand Chapter Service Plaque

Purpose: The Grand Chapter Service Plaque is presented to members of the Grand Chapter at the expiration of their term in office as a physical expression of appreciation from the Fraternity.

Background: This award was established by the Grand Chapter.

Description of the Award: The plaque bears the Coast of Arms of the Fraternity and an engraved plate with the recipient member's name, chapter, offices and dates of service.

Eligibility and Application Process: The plaque is only presented to retiring members of the Grand Chapter.

Presentation: The Grand Chapter Service Plaque is presented at a time and in a manner determined by the Grand Chapter

The Foundation Chapter Service Plaque

Purpose: The Foundation Chapter Service Plaque is presented to members of the Foundation Chapter at the expiration of their term in office as a physical expression of appreciation from the Fraternity.

Background: This plaque was established by the Foundation Chapter.

Description of the Award: The plaque bears the Coast of Arms of the Fraternity and an engraved plate with the recipient member's name, chapter, offices and dates of service.

Eligibility and Application Process: The plaque is only presented to retiring members of the Foundation Chapter.

Presentation: The Foundation Chapter Service Plaque is presented in an appropriate manner by the Foundation Chapter.

The Norwich Housing Corporation Service Plaque

Purpose: The Norwich Housing Corporation Service Plaque is presented to members of the Foundation Chapter at the expiration of their term in office as a physical expression of appreciation from the Fraternity.

Background: This plaque was established by the Norwich Housing Corporation.

Description of the Award: The plaque bears the Coast of Arms of the Fraternity and an engraved plate with the recipient member's name, chapter, offices and dates of service.

Eligibility and Application Process: The plaque is only give to retiring members of the Norwich Housing Corporation.

Presentation: The Norwich Housing Corporation Service Plaque is presented in an appropriate manner by the Norwich Housing Corporation.

The Silver Legion

Purpose: The Silver Legion is composed of those members of the Fraternity who have been members of Theta Chi or their preceding local fraternity for a total of 25 years or more. Membership is honorary, and includes no obligations.

Background: The Silver Legion was established by the Grand Chapter on May 7, 1949.

Description of the Award: Members of the Silver Legion are presented with an engraved certificate.

Eligibility and Application Process: Any member who has been a member of Theta Chi Fraternity for 25 years or more may be considered for membership in the Silver Legion. Certificates may be ordered from the International Headquarters.

Presentation: The Silver Legion Certificate may be presented in an appropriate way by any member or body of Theta Chi Fraternity.

The Golden Guard

Purpose: The Golden Guard is composed of those members of the Fraternity who have been members of Theta Chi or their preceding local fraternity for a total of 50 years or more. Membership is honorary, and includes no obligations.

Background: The Golden Guard was established by the Grand Chapter on May 7, 1949.

Description of the Award: Members of the Golden Guard are presented with an engraved certificate.

Eligibility and Application Process: Any member who has been a member of Theta Chi Fraternity for 50 years or more may be considered for membership in the Golden Guard. Certificates may be ordered from the International Headquarters.

Presentation: The Golden Guard Certificate may be presented in an appropriate way by any member or body of Theta Chi Fraternity.

The Diamond Brigade

Purpose: The Diamond Brigade is composed of those members of the Fraternity who have been members of Theta Chi or their preceding local fraternity for a total of 75 years or more. Membership is honorary, and includes no obligations.

Background: The Diamond Brigade was established by the Grand Chapter on October 20, 1995.

Description of the Award: Members of the Diamond Brigade are presented with an engraved certificate.

Eligibility and Application Process: Any member who has been a member of Theta Chi Fraternity for 75 years or more may be considered for membership in the Diamond Brigade. Certificates may be ordered from the International Headquarters.

Presentation: The Diamond Brigade Certificate may be presented in an appropriate way by any member or body of Theta Chi Fraternity.