



**Standards Code of Theta Chi Fraternity – Alpha Delta Chapter 2017  
(To be signed by all members annually)**

Since our founding, Theta Chi members have worked to attain and represent the highest ideals possible in every phase of life. We strive to create an environment of fellowship and friendship, learning and sharing, and pride and achievement. Our ability as a fraternal organization to reach that goal, and in turn enrich and enhance the well-being of others, depends upon the standards and dedication of our individual members. As individual members, we are dedicated to operating with integrity, pride, and sensitivity. Theta Chi has a proud tradition in the quality of its membership. A Theta Chi tries to be a mature person, gracious and respectful of others, and of himself. He is conscious of the fact that his personal conduct, attitudes, and standards affect the welfare and reputation of Theta Chi. Each member must guard the honor and privilege of his Theta Chi membership, and each chapter should develop standards programs that encourage positive development of each member.

Theta Chi holds its members accountable for the following:

1. **Laws, Rules, and Policies.** Theta Chi members will abide by all federal, state, and local laws, as well as the standing rules, policies, standards and bylaws of Theta Chi Fraternity, the local chapter and Purdue University.
2. **Moral Conduct.** Theta Chi expects a brother to have a set of personal standards, which commands self-respect. A Theta Chi member conducts himself so as to be a credit to his brothers and to his fraternity as an inducted new member, an undergraduate member, and as an alumnus member. Personal pride, integrity, honesty, and respect should govern the attitude, appearance, language, manners, and conduct of each Theta Chi member. Actions speak louder than words and the actions of a Theta Chi must always be consistent with our high ideals, principles, and values. Anything less is hypocritical and unacceptable.
3. **Confidentiality.** Theta Chi is a secret society. Loyalty to Theta Chi, to its ideals, to its principles, and to the brothers, is expected of each member. Theta Chi ritual and fraternity business are private and belong only to members; accordingly, members will not communicate ritual or fraternity business to non-members.

4. **Scholarship.** Theta Chi expects that each of its members will be committed to high academic standards and will exemplify that commitment through classroom attendance and performance. All members are expected to support and participate in the chapter scholarship program, provide the Scholarship Chair with their grades from each term, and seek help when there is a problem or a potential problem. All fraternity members must maintain a minimum grade point average (“GPA”) of 2.70/4.00, cumulative or semester, to remain an active member of Alpha Delta Chapter.

5. **Finance.** Each member shall promptly meet his financial obligations to the chapter.

6. **Wellness.** Wellness is a state of optimum health and well-being, achieved through the active pursuit of good health and the removal of barriers to healthy living. Theta Chi is committed to the enhancement of well-being through the promotion of physical, mental, and social development. We expect members to take personal responsibility for their health by developing understandings, attitudes, and practices, which contribute to positive lifestyles.

7. **Alcohol.** The use of alcohol is a matter of personal choice for those of legal drinking age. Each member is expected to make responsible choices regarding alcohol. Misuse or abuse of alcohol reflects unfavorably on the public image of Theta Chi and the entire Greek system, and has the potential for serious health risks.

All members of Theta Chi will abide by all federal, state and local laws as well as Theta Chi and Purdue University policy regarding the use of alcohol. The legal drinking age in the state of Indiana is 21.

At all Theta Chi functions where alcohol is consumed, the following guidelines will be in effect and will be followed:

- a. Those consuming alcohol will have a valid, picture ID with birth date. A security officer or proper authority will check identification upon entrance.
- b. All persons attending a function who are of legal age will have a wristband applied designating that they are of legal drinking age if they intend to consume alcoholic beverages.
- c. Theta Chi members and their guests will sign in on the invitation/guest list and will give their name, date of birth, and either their driver’s license number or student identification number.

No chapter funds will be used for the purchase of alcohol.

No chapter funds will be contributed toward the expense of any party at which a bulk/common container of alcohol is present.

Alcohol will not be permitted at any recruitment event, Membership Selection Session, new member retreat, bid day activity, fund-raising or philanthropic event, in conjunction with Initiation, or any event where Theta Chi ritual is used, whether in or outside of the Chapter House.

No member or guest who appears to be under the influence of alcohol will be permitted to operate a motor vehicle.

Theta Chi members will not permit, tolerate, encourage or participate in drinking games.

8. **Hazing.** Hazing in any form is absolutely prohibited in Theta Chi. Theta Chi members will not haze, nor allow themselves to be hazed. Hazing is any situation, which creates mental or physical abuse, discomfort, embarrassment, ridicule or harassment, whether on or away from fraternity property. Theta Chi Fraternity promotes fellowship and brotherhood among its members and practices positive educational programming.

Hazing in no way achieves this goal. Theta Chi does not segregate pre-initiated members from initiated members without a constructive purpose in mind.

Theta Chi prohibits practices, which include but are not limited to kidnapping, scavenger hunts, walkouts, new member sneaks, road trips, or the use of paddles.

9. **Illegal Drugs.** Theta Chi members will not use, will not have in their possession, and will not traffic in illegal drugs. *As a condition of membership all Theta Chi members consent to the inspection of their rooms and vehicles where determined necessary by the Alpha Delta Alumni Board. Such inspection may be conducted by the Alpha Delta Alumni Board or their designee, which may include police agencies.*

10. **Sexual Harassment.** College men should have a position of influence in the direction and achievements of the university community, and activities should promote self-worth, human dignity and a positive Greek image. Theta Chi affirms that the dignity of the individual is a basic element of a civilized society which comes from a feeling of positive self-worth, that the individual self-worth is a necessary factor in establishing healthy relationships between sexes and that sexual harassment of any individual or group to any degree is deplorable. Therefore, as members of a Greek society, we reject all activities, including competitive games, which are destructive, demeaning, abusive, promote divisiveness and those that promote a negative image of the Greek community in general.

11. **Housing and Visitation.** When Theta Chi housing is provided, it is maintained for the benefit of all members, and as the official residence of a chapter it impacts the campus image of that chapter. A positive reflection of Theta Chi standards is to be conveyed at all times.

All members must take responsibility to ensure that the chapter housing unit is filled to capacity before considering any other living arrangement.

- Once Student has resided in the House for *a minimum of four semesters*, and at the conclusion of the Spring semester *only*, Student may be released from the obligation to live in the House during the next school year and to pay the amounts listed in the Theta Chi Housing Contract provided the House occupancy, in the opinion of the House Corporation, is expected to exceed capacity.

12. **Enforcement of the Standards Code.** Any member found to be in violation of this Standards Code is subject to disciplinary measures or membership cancellation as provided in the Bylaws of Theta Chi Fraternity. Implementation of the procedures for handling infraction of the Standards Code is the responsibility of the Standards Board.

In addition to the conduct defined in this Standards Code, any action by a member, which adversely affects Theta Chi, himself, or any other member is specifically prohibited, and the member is subject to the same procedural provisions as are those members whose conduct is specifically addressed herein.

I understand and agree to abide by the Standards Code of Theta Chi.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter President Signature: \_\_\_\_\_