

THE TAU EPSILON PHI FRATERNITY - April 2022 - Spring Issue #1

The TEP Leader Returns

We are excited to announce the return of our newsletter the TEP Leader which will be issued periodically between issues of The Plume. For those not familiar with the TEP Leader, it was a short paper newsletter that was sent out to our membership during the 1990's. In an effort to increase communications between the Grand Council, national staff and our undergraduates and alumni, we felt this could be the best medium to do.

Headquarters Update

The national headquarters has been diligently working on our expansion efforts and brotherhood reach out. After our recent announcement about returning to the Ohio State University, we have been looking to fill out our list of active chapters. If you have a son or know someone who may be interested in starting a chapter of TEP on their campus, please reach out to Jake Corter our Associate Director of Expansion at jake@tep.org to learn more about the process. The best way to get the ball rolling is with an existing interest group on campus willing to take the steps to become a brotherhood.

In other news, our staff is in the final steps of their chapter visits and new member education to our current interest group at the University of Delaware. As the semester comes to a close our undergraduates should be on the lookout for the summer seminars series that will cover multiple topics of interest. These topics will be on hazing awareness & prevention, chapter identity, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI,) and more to be announced.

TO LIVE IN THE LIGHT OF FRIENDSHIP

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March Madness Fundraiser

We are proud to announce that this year we once again have been able to exceed our goal for our March Madness fundraiser benefiting out national philanthropy Our Military Kids. We want to thank everyone who donated and participated in the fun. Without all of your support from outreach, donations and participating in the bracket, we could not have raised \$4,448.76 for Our Military Kids.

Congratulations to our Winners!

1st- Dolan Wilke

2nd-Old Marist TEP

3rd-Matt_moses331

(If you have not already reached out to our staff about your prize please email nick@tep.org)

Thank you to our Donors!

Matthew Barker – Tau Theta & Mike Schoedler – Omega

Jacob Corter — Alpha Tau

Donald Anspauch — Epsilon Phi
Clyde Thomson — Epsilon Mu
William Prutting — Epsilon Nu
Matt Tursi — Sigma Alpha Sigma
Robert Sherman — Tau Gamma
Gregory Braddock — Epsilon Iota
Thomas Spadafora — Epsilon Tau
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Alex Rodriguez – Alpha Tau

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Jared Jackson – Tau Omega

Arthur Benning – Sigma

 $Kirill\ Reznik - Beta\ Delta$

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Victor Tafro

TO WALK IN THE PATH OF CHIVALRY

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Grand Council in Orlando

This past March, the Grand Council and staff met in Orlando Florida to conduct national fraternity business. This meeting consisted of discussing new policy, the upcoming Grand Chapter, and discussions around the operations of our chapters, colonies and expansion efforts.

While in Orlando, the Grand Council and staff met with the executive board of our Tau Alpha Colony at the University of Florida. The colony leadership conducted a house tour, discussed national involvement with the men and the next steps to becoming a chapter once again. After those discussions, the Grand Council took the men out for lunch to continue discussions and make memories with our brothers. TEP is not just the chapters it holds, it is the collective brotherhood that makes up what Tau Epsilon Phi is.

(Below are some photos from the meeting in Orlando and with our Tau Alpha colony)



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Follow our Instagram & Facebook

Our day-to-day updates of chapter operations are posted on our social media accounts.

Our handle is:

@tepfraternity

Leadership Calls

Each month the national office hosts our Zoom conference calls with our chapter leadership. The next one will be May 4th at 7:30 PM EDT. The staff and some Grand Council members are at every meeting to answer questions and provide updates.

Please register beforehand.

Staff Office Hours

Below is the link to join the Discord group where we virtually hold our office hours. This is open to any active member to meet with our national staff about chapter business or general questions.

Executive Director Tim Smith

Hours: 4pm-5pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday

Associate Director of Expansion Jacob Corter

Hours: 3:45pm-4:45pm on the 1st and 3rd Tues.

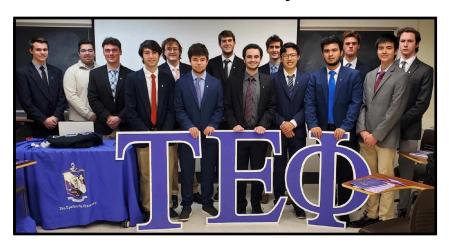
Associate Director of Chapter Services Nick Dondiego

Hours: 3pm-4pm on first and third Friday

https://discord.gg/GXaeD5SZ2M

Members are always welcome to schedule meetings outside of office hours

University of Delaware Induction



On March 20th we inducted 15 men into the interest group for our recolonization effort at the University of Delaware. We are excited for these men to be initiated at the beginning of May to start as our newest colony of Tau Epsilon Phi!

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Alumni Associations

Tau Epsilon Phi is always looking to connect with our alumni and we are always looking to form new official alumni associations. The Grand Council is currently reviewing how alumni associations are composed and what benefits recognition may have. If you would like to share any ideas or input on the matter, please contact our Immediate Past Consul, Kirill Reznik at kreznik@tep.org to share your ideas.

We will also be reaching out to those existing alumni associations recognized by national to get updates that we would like to include in the upcoming summer edition of the plume.