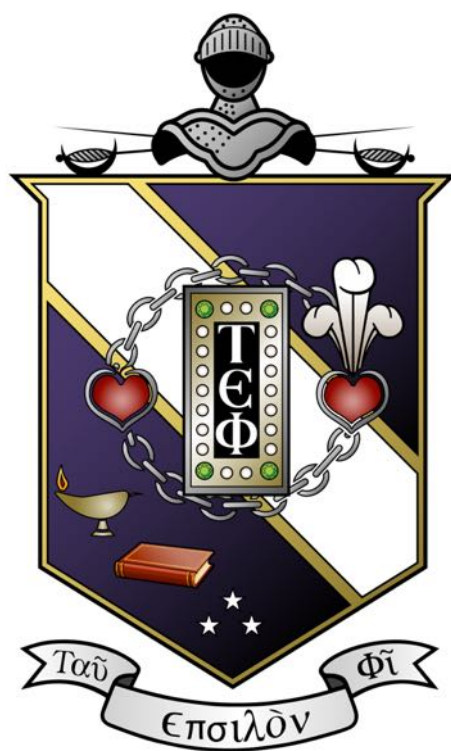


Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Membership & Volunteer Handbook

Friendship, Chivalry, Service
Since 1910



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A letter to our membership

Dear Brother,

As always, we can't thank you enough for putting your faith in our organization and crossing through the Portals of Tau Epsilon Phi as a Brother in our beloved fraternity. As our ritual states, "I shall give my full support, loyalty, and cooperation to my chapter, particularly as an undergraduate and to the best of my ability as an alumnus." Serving as an executive board member or chapter advisor is an honor your brothers have chosen to bestow upon you. They are looking to you for the best advice and guidance you can give. We don't expect anyone to be perfect and mistakes may be made. We only ask that you learn from those mistakes to make both yourselves and chapter stronger. The national staff stand committed to assist you however they can to make sure your experience is as positive and rewarding as possible. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us with any challenges or concerns that you may be facing. Together we can work to solve them.

Founded on the principles of Friendship, Chivalry, and Service at Columbia University in 1910, TEΦ National challenges our Brothers and Chapters to uphold our over 115 years of values and founding principles. This resource is to be used as an ongoing tool toward that objective.

As we look forward to the 2026 – 2027 academic year, we are excited by the many opportunities before us. This year, we have the most expansion opportunities at one time than we have had since our reorganization in 2011. I am confident in our growth team that we are developing a plan for maximum success. We are also doing some internal research to benchmark our chartered undergraduate chapters to see how they compare with the greater IFC community on their campus. We are hopeful to identify those chapters that have the potential for growth and developing resources to support them. We expect this calendar year to have more than 1000 active undergraduate members at both the conclusion of the fall and spring semesters, another major milestone for our fraternity. The sky truly is the limit for all of Tau Epsilon Phi.

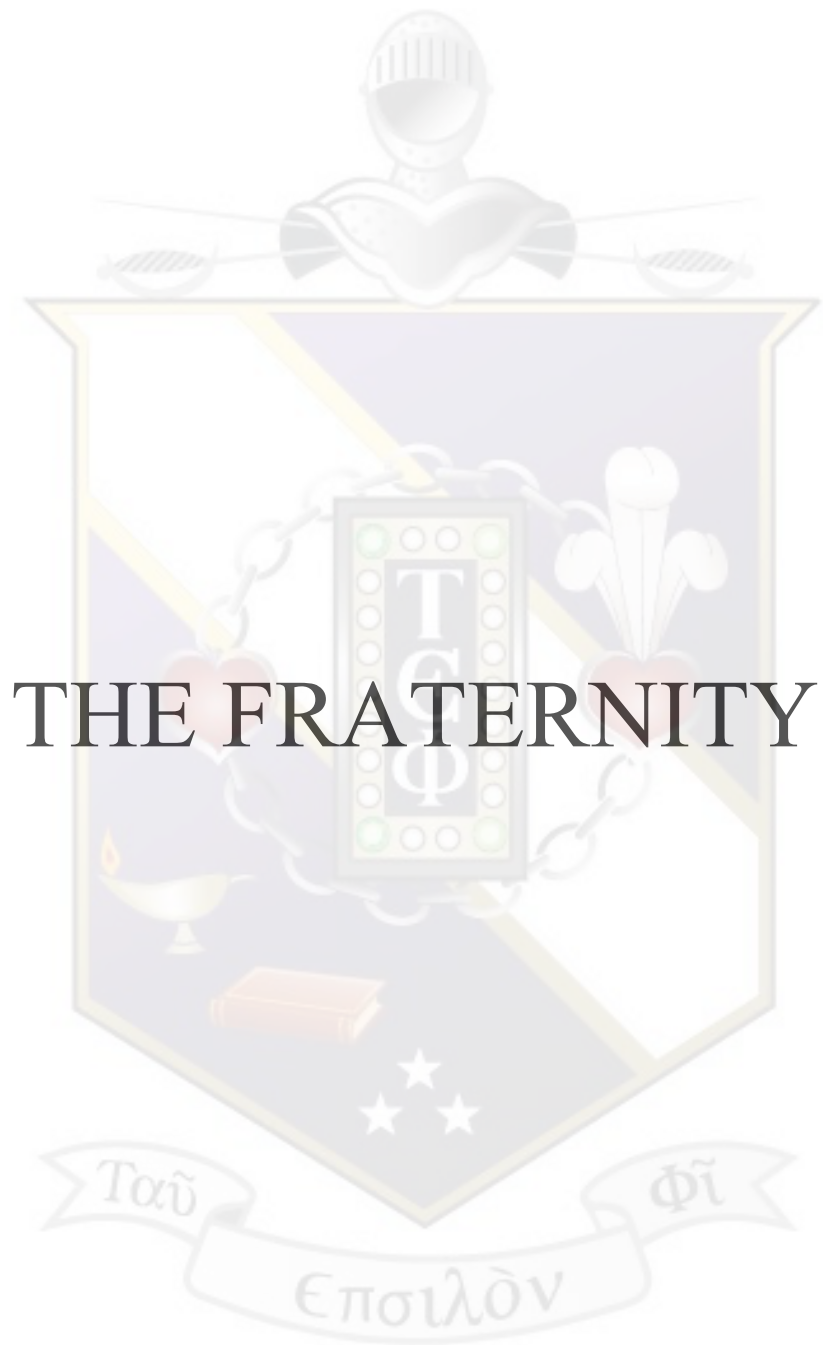
If you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding any facet of our National Fraternity, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you for the benefit of our Fraternity!

Fraternally,



Timothy A. Smith, MBA
Executive Director

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THE FRATERNITY

The Story of Tau Epsilon Phi

For many years, there existed in the Department of Pharmacy at Columbia University, two fraternities. Neither of which, however, would allow the admission of members of minority races, religions or creeds.

During the year 1909-1910, two small groups of men became intrigued with the idea that friendship acquired during collegiate days should be bound together through some means for the remainder of one's life. The desirable qualities that one gathered from those around him should be interchanged for more than the mere two or three years of collegiate association.

Neither of these groups had any inkling of the existence of the other until the opening of the school term the following year when providence interceded to bring together these men. One of these groups based their linking together on the idea that a social club was the solution to their problem. The other group felt that a fraternity (about which they knew little except through observation of the two groups on the campus) was the correct solution. With the contact of these two groups, it was immediately evident that neither could get along without the other and the union was made.



Sidney S. Suntag, circa ~1980's

On October 10, 1910, during a lunch period, a hurried conference was held between the two groups in a deserted lecture hall. The spirit of organization was so instilled in the eight original gatherers that another meeting was arranged for that very afternoon after school hours. At five o'clock that afternoon, a determined group of young men met in Central Park to hold a lengthier discussion and see the plans that they had dreamed of approach reality.

The problem of the moment appeared to be finding a meeting room but this was settled quickly with an appeal to the school for permission to use an empty lecture hall. That appeal was granted. The first regularly recorded meeting was called to order in the library

of the Department of Pharmacy, Columbia University, on Friday afternoon, October 19, 1910. Four additional men, two of whom later dropped out, were invited to the meeting. These ten founders of Tau Epsilon Phi were Robert L. Blume, Julius M. Breitenbach, Charles M. Driesen, Ephraim Freedman, Leo H. Fried, Harold Goldsmith, Samuel Greenbaum, Julius Klauber, Israel Schwartz, and Julius J. Slofkin.

Here in this quiet library, surrounded by volumes of books, in this haven of a social refuge, where the faculty met to deliberate their policies, at the very same table, stood these ten men, and each in turn, took unto himself a solemn and binding oath, pledging himself to secrecy and fidelity, sincerity and devotion, eternal friendship and brotherly love.

The first officers chosen by the newly born organization were Harold Goldsmith, President; Charles Driesen, Vice President; Israel Schwartz, Secretary; and Julius Breitenbach, Treasurer.

Next came the naming of the group and, with the little knowledge of fraternities that these ten could gather among themselves, they wisely chose the name of Tau Epsilon Phi to signify that for which they were founded.

The first pin chosen was oval in shape with the inscription $TE\Phi$ reading downward in gold upon a black background with gold trim around the edge. This pin is the precursor of the oblong, jeweled badge of distinction of today.

So inspired were these ten that the difficulties which normally confront newly established organizations did not seem to be a hindrance but seemed to serve as a stimulant for the group to carry on in the work they had started.

The work done by the members was so careful that the framework of the original constitution remains in use today, like that of our country. The initiation ceremony and the ritual were carefully planned and finally evolved.

The greatest difficulty then arose—recognition by the college authorities. However, through the efforts of Max J. Breitenbach Sr., and Jacob Weil, fathers of Julius Breitenbach and Monroe Weil, this was finally accomplished.

Toward the close of the first year, Maximillian Nemser was pledged and initiated. With the close of the year, difficulty arose, for the novelty of a fraternity had worn off. The ideals of the founders proved to be too strong, however, and the organization continued. Three of the founders returned to school and six men were initiated. As the second year passed, the strength and fame of the organization grew. With this fame came the possibility of expansion.

The idea of expansion was largely that of Monroe Weil, and after he had been initiated, he quickly convinced the others that it was a necessary move. Subsequently he gathered together friends of his attending New York University and the New York College of Dentistry and the groups were initiated as members of Alpha Chapter. However, they later became Beta and Gamma Chapters.

Delta chapter was started by Ben Pologe, through the process of being pledged by the Alpha group before transferring to Cornell. He then started the chapter by gathering about him four good men. The fame of the organization was quickly spreading and Epsilon was installed at Fordham. Then the need arose for a gathering of all chapters and some sort of national organization.

Expansion, for the time being, had ceased until a definite plan could be formulated to govern such expansion. For four years controversy raged and finally in 1916, the first Constitution of the fraternity as a national organization with a national set-up was a reality, and the fraternity could once again forge ahead.

Shortly after the adoption of the Constitution, the two Boston chapters, Boston University and Tufts, were established, and in close proximity, Iota at Yale was installed. It was at that time that the first issue of The Bulletin made its appearance to spread the fame of the fraternity to the members wherever they might be.

Expansion continued rapidly with Kappa at Vermont being installed and a charter granted to Lambda at Harvard. The South was invaded a year after the close of the First World War with Mu and Nu being installed on the same day¹. Another chapter was added in the Boston region². Then came the proud day in 1920 when Tau Epsilon Phi became an international fraternity with the installation of Omicron at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Slightly less than ten years had elapsed from that first harried conference to the installation of chapters throughout this country and Canada.

The chapter roll grew quickly thereafter with Georgetown University and Pennsylvania being granted charters on the same day in 1921, and 1922 seeing the establishment of chapters at Syracuse, Dickinson, Charleston, and Georgia Tech. In the following year, Tau Epsilon Phi invaded the Middle West with the granting of a charter at the University of Michigan. During that year, the first copy of The Plume made its appearance, and at last the fraternity had a real magazine.

The growth of the fraternity following World War II was truly phenomenal with more than 40 chapters added during the 1950's and well into the 1960's. The prosperity of the brotherhood came to a screeching halt in the late 1960's with the heating up of the Vietnam War, when the entire fraternity system declined.

During the period of 1969 to 1975 TEP lost almost all of the gains it had achieved in the previous two decades but the fraternity persevered. While a substantial number of other national fraternities went out of existence, TEP held onto a meaningful number of chapters and survived. In the mid—1980's the fraternity system came back strongly with TEP leading the way in reviving many of its old chapters, while adding many new ones.

It was during the 1990's that the Grand Council choose to relocate the national offices from Atlanta, GA, to Southern New Jersey to better align its services to where the majority of the chapters were now located. For a few years, this proved to be successful. Unfortunately starting in the late 1990's thru the late 2000's the Fraternity began to decline. The National Office closed many chapters and also failed to conduct biennial Grand Chapter meetings as required by our Constitution. This prevented having elections for the officers and members of the Grand Council.

In 2007 a group called "TEPs for Justice" began the process to take our fraternity back. As part of this process over 200 undergraduate and alumni Brothers filed multiple lawsuits seeking the holding of democratic elections for the Grand Council. It wasn't until 2011 after three lawsuits that a mutual agreement was executed between the old Grand Council and "TEPs for Justice" resulting in a settlement. As part of that settlement an interim Grand Council was appointed by the court. In October 2011, the first Grand Chapter meeting since 1999 was held in Philadelphia, PA and a new Grand Council was elected by the membership.

Since the Brotherhood regained control of their fraternity, TEP resumed its expansion efforts with the formation of the Alpha Tau Provisional chapter at Rowan University in 2013. This group would also go onto become TEΦ's first new chapter since 1996 when they were granted their charter in 2016. Following the success of Alpha Tau, the Fraternity also reestablished provisional chapters at the University of Maryland, Rutgers – New Brunswick and the University at Buffalo. Additionally, for the first time ever in May 2016, a provisional chapter was founded at the Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. Finally, a new chapter was established at Indiana University in Bloomington in 2018. The sky is the limit and the future is bright for Tau Epsilon Phi!

(In 1985, in honor of the Fraternity's 75th Anniversary, Sidney Suntag, Executive Secretary Emeritus & Chapter Eternal, published - The History of Tau Epsilon Phi - Seventy-Five Years of Friendship. This momentous undertaking charts the history of every chapter founded through 1985 as well as a detailed accounting of the growth of the entire Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity.)

The Story Continues...



Matt Tursi, Jonah Anderson, JR Benning and Tim Smith
Grand Chapter 2024

Mission Statement

TO TEACH young men that there is more to be gained out of life by serving others. That friendships are of greater value than material wealth or gain. That man is a social creature who needs to share with others to do so willingly and freely. That a group is dependent on all of its members to contribute to the good of the whole rather than to work only for self-serving interests. This is the ambition of Tau Epsilon Phi.

TO PROVIDE the forum through fraternity for our ambitions to be heard and practiced. For the atmosphere where cooperation and giving can develop and flourish. For a meeting place to share ideals and from which these dreams may be a springboard into reality. For a common voice through the fraternity that others may know our accomplishments and our aspiration for the benefit of all men. This is the basis of Tau Epsilon Phi.

TO GIVE to others without selfish thought of gain or personal advancement. To our brothers knowing that others that follow will be the ones to reap the benefits of the seeds we sow more than we will. To our friends so that they may always know in their hearts and minds that they have someone upon whom they may depend in time of need. To our neighbors so that the community of man may be a little better for our having been there. This is the directive of Tau Epsilon Phi.

TO CREATE a better society where men have learned to value others as they value themselves. An opportunity for young men to learn the message of Tau Epsilon Phi and, having learned it, to teach others. An organization that can and will be proud of the accomplishments of its members and itself without the arrogance that pride often brings. A hope for a better social community of man and to work to bring its hopes to reality. This is the goal of Tau Epsilon Phi.

TO HAVE a membership who respect one another and the organization for which they all stand. An organization that is not afraid to speak its mind but, at the same time, is willing to understand the needs and dreams of others. Members who practice the ideals of fraternalism and live by the creed of Tau Epsilon Phi as a matter of course because they believe in its values. Friends, neighbors and associates with whom a trust and understanding that needs no words exists. This is the mission of Tau Epsilon Phi.

Creed

TO LIVE in the light of Friendship—to judge our fellows not by their rank nor wealth but by their worth as men—to hold eternally before us the memory of those whom we have loved and lost—to hold forth in the solidarity of our brotherhood the nobility of action which will—make for the preservation of our highest and worthiest aim—and thus be true to the ideal of friendship—

TO WALK in the path of Chivalry- to be honorable to all men and defend that honor—to fulfill our given pledge at all times—to be true to the precepts of knighthood and win the love and care of the women of our dreams—and thus be true to the ideal of chivalry—

TO SERVE for the love of Service—to give unselfishly that which we may have to offer—to do voluntarily that which must be done—to revere God and to strive in His worship at all times—and thus be true to the ideal of service—

TO PRACTICE each day friendship—chivalry—service—thus keeping true to these—the three ideals—of the founders of our fraternity—this is the Creed of Tau Epsilon Phi.



Tau Delta Chapter (The Ohio State University,) at their
chartering November 2024

National Support

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity has multiple levels of National support. Each position has its own rights & responsibilities in order to better the Fraternity. They are as follows:

Volunteers:

Grand Council

The Grand Council is the elected regulatory body which governs the National Fraternity. They are invested with adopting, modifying, and employing strategic policies to further the national mission statement. Elections are held biennially and are open to all members in good standing. The Grand Council when fully composed consists of 12 members including the immediate Past Consul and is led by the International Consul.

International Consul

The International Consul is the Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer (C.E.O) of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc. He is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the National Fraternity. He coordinates and leads the Grand Council and Executive Director for the benefit of the fraternity. The functions of the Executive Director fall upon the International Consul when that position is vacant.

Staff:

Executive Director

The Executive Director is the Chief Staff Officer of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc. He is responsible for overseeing the success of the daily operations of the fraternity and implementing the strategic vision of the Grand Council. He works with campus and university officials regarding complaints and active issues affecting any chapter or provisional chapter. He reports directly to the International Consul.

Director of Chapter Services

Our Director of Chapter Services is responsible for the wellbeing, maintenance, and oversight of all existing undergraduate chapters. He may assist with expansion projects, but his primary focus is on assisting existing chapters in all areas and providing necessary guidance for the success of our chapters. He visits each chapter at least once annually in person when practical and more often virtually as needed. He provides advice to the Executive Director on areas of excellence and improvement. He reports to the Executive Director.

Associate Director of Growth

Our Associate Director of Growth is responsible for securing new expansion opportunities. He provides ongoing support and training to all Tau Epsilon Phi provisional chapters in concert with our Director of Chapter Services. He may serve as an undergraduate and alumni liaison. He visits provisional chapters as needed. He reports directly to the Executive Director.

Chapter Development Coordinator

Our Chapter Development Coordinator is responsible for assisting in the development and formation of interest groups on campuses across the country. When that function slows down, he is also tasked with the support of our existing chapters, providing guidance in any areas including recruitment advice and overall chapter operations. He visits various chapters as needed. He reports directly to the Executive Director.

Alumni Associations / Housing Corporations

Alumni Associations and Housing Corporations are formed in order to provide support and assistance to existing chapters and provisional chapters. They are comprised of valued alumni dedicated to the advancement of their specific chapter or provisional chapter.



Theta Tau Chapter re-founding fathers class following initiation at the State University of New York at Geneseo 2025



Dinner at Grand Chapter 2024 – Liberty of the Seas

Policies & Position Statements

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc. enacts various policies & position statements at the guidance of the Grand Council, Executive Director, and staff. These documents are periodically created, revised, and/or retired. They serve to better the National Fraternity. Whereas, Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc. enacts such policies, they shall apply to all entities and all levels of membership. This includes Alumni Associations, and Undergraduate Groups. Existing Provisional chapters, Chapters, and Interest Groups must adhere to all policies & statements herein.

These policies can also be found on our website at - <https://tep.org/chapter-resources/>

Here is a list of policies and a link to where you can find the latest version:

Roster & Billing Policy - <https://tep.org/billing/>

Amnesty Policy - <https://tep.org/amnesty-policy/>

National Charitable Donation Policy - <https://tep.org/charity/>

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Conflict of Interest Policy

It is in the best interest of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc. to be aware of and properly manage all conflicts of interest and appearances of a conflict of interest. This conflict of interest policy is designed to help directors, officers, employees and volunteers of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity to identify situations that present potential conflicts of interest and to provide Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity with a procedure to appropriately manage conflicts in accordance with legal requirements and the goals of accountability and transparency in Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity's operations.

1. **Conflict of Interest Defined.** In this policy, a person with a conflict of interest is referred to as an "interested person." For purposes of this policy, the following circumstances shall be deemed to create a Conflict of Interest:
 - a. A director, officer, employee or volunteer, including a board member (or family member of any of the foregoing) is a party to a contract, or involved in a transaction with Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity for goods or services.
 - b. A director, officer, employee or volunteer, (or a family member of any of the foregoing) has a material financial interest in a transaction between Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity and an entity in which the director, officer, employee or volunteer, or a family member of the foregoing, is a director, officer, agent, partner, associate, employee, trustee, personal representative, receiver, guardian, custodian, or other legal representative.
 - c. A director, officer, employee or volunteer, (or a family member of the foregoing) is engaged in some capacity or has a material financial interest in a business or enterprise that competes with Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity.
 - d. A situation in which there is a significant risk that a director, officer, employee or volunteer will represent or be in a position to advance differing interests; or a situation there is a significant risk that the director, officer, employee or volunteer's professional judgment on behalf of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc. will be adversely affected by the director, officer, employee or volunteer's own financial, business, property or other personal interests.

Other situations may create the *appearance of a conflict*, or present a *duality of interests* in connection with a person who has influence over the activities or finances of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity. All such circumstances should be disclosed in writing to the board or staff, as appropriate, and a decision made as to what course of action the organization or individuals should take so that the best interests of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity are not compromised by the personal interests of stakeholders in the nonprofit.

Gifts, Gratuities and Entertainment. Accepting gifts, entertainment or other favors from individuals or entities can also result in a conflict or duality of interest when the party providing the gift/entertainment/favor does so under circumstances where it might be inferred that such action was intended to influence or possibly would influence the interested person in the

performance of his or her duties. This does not preclude the acceptance of items of nominal or insignificant value or entertainment of nominal or insignificant value which are not related to any particular transaction or activity of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity.

2. Definitions.

- a. A "Conflict of Interest" is any circumstance described in Part 1 of this Policy.
- b. An "Interested Person" is any person serving as an officer, employee or member of the Grand Council of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc. or a major donor to Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity or anyone else who is in a position of control over Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity who has a personal interest that is in conflict with the interests of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- c. A "Family Member" is a spouse, parent, child or spouse of a child, brother, sister, or spouse of a brother or sister, of an interested person.
- d. A "Material Financial Interest" in an entity is a financial interest of any kind, which, in view of all the circumstances, is substantial enough that it would, or reasonably could, affect an Interested Person's or Family Member's judgment with respect to transactions to which the entity is a party.
- e. A "Contract or Transaction" is any agreement or relationship involving the sale or purchase of goods or services, the providing or receipt of a loan or grant, the establishment of any other type of financial relationship, or the exercise of control over another organization. The making of a gift to Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc. is not a Contract or Transaction.

3. Procedures.

- a. Prior to board or committee action on a Contract or Transaction involving a Conflict of Interest, a director or committee member having a Conflict of Interest and who is in attendance at the meeting shall disclose all facts material to the Conflict of Interest. Such disclosure shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting. If board members are aware that staff or other volunteers have a conflict of interest, relevant facts should be disclosed by the board member or by the interested person him/herself if invited to the board meeting as a guest for purposes of disclosure.
- b. A director or committee member who plans not to attend a meeting at which he or she has reason to believe that the board or committee will act on a matter in which the person has a Conflict of Interest shall disclose to the chair of the meeting all facts material to the Conflict of Interest. The chair shall report the disclosure at the meeting and the disclosure shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.
- c. A person who has a Conflict of Interest shall not participate in or be permitted to hear the board's or committee's discussion of the matter except to disclose material facts and to respond to questions. Such person shall not attempt to exert his or her personal influence with respect to the matter, either at or outside the meeting.

- d. A person who has a Conflict of Interest with respect to a Contract or Transaction that will be voted on at a meeting shall not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum for purposes of the vote.
- e. The person having a conflict of interest may not vote on the Contract or Transaction and shall not be present in the meeting room when the vote is taken, unless the vote is by secret ballot. Such person's ineligibility to vote shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.
- f. Interested Persons who are not members of the Grand Council of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc., or who have a Conflict of Interest with respect to a Contract or Transaction that is not the subject of Board or committee action, shall disclose to their supervisor, or the Chair, or the Chair's designee, any Conflict of Interest that such Interested Person has with respect to a Contract or Transaction. Such disclosure shall be made as soon as the Conflict of Interest is known to the Interested Person. The Interested Person shall refrain from any action that may affect Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s participation in such Contract or Transaction.

In the event it is not entirely clear that a Conflict of Interest exists, the individual with the potential conflict shall disclose the circumstances to his or her supervisor or the Chair or the Chair's designee, who shall determine whether full board discussion is warranted or whether there exists a Conflict of Interest that is subject to this policy.

- 4. **Confidentiality.** Each director, officer, employee and volunteer shall exercise care not to disclose confidential information acquired in connection with disclosures of conflicts of interest or potential conflicts, which might be adverse to the interests of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity. Furthermore, directors, officers, employees and volunteers shall not disclose or use information relating to the business of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity for their personal profit or advantage or the personal profit or advantage of their Family Member(s).

5. **Review of policy.**

- a. Each director, officer, employee and volunteer shall be provided with and asked to review a copy of this Policy and to acknowledge in writing that he or she has done so.
- b. Annually each director, officer, employee and volunteer shall complete a disclosure form identifying any relationships, positions or circumstances in which he is involved that he believes could contribute to a Conflict of Interest. Such relationships, positions or circumstances might include service as a director of or consultant to another nonprofit organization, serving on the board or as an officer to an individual chapter or alumni association or ownership of a business that might provide goods or services to Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc. Any such information regarding the business interests of a director, officer, employee or volunteer, or a Family Member thereof, shall be treated as confidential and shall generally be made available only to the Chair, and any committee appointed to address Conflicts of Interest, except to the extent additional disclosure is necessary in connection with the implementation of this Policy.

- c. This policy shall be reviewed annually by each member of the Grand Council. Any changes to the policy shall be communicated to all staff and volunteers.
- d. This policy will continue in full force until any new language modifying or replacing this policy is approved by the Grand Council at which time all prior versions of this policy will become null and void.
- e. Execution of this Conflict of Interest Policy is a requirement for membership on the Grand Council as per New York NPC Law Article 7, Section 715-a. Failure to execute this document will be grounds for disciplinary actions, up to and including, removal from the Grand Council.
- f. The Grand Council adopted this policy on October 15, 2016 at a properly called meeting held at the Wyndham Hotel in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. It was modified on November 4, 2017 at a properly called meeting held at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Position (Grand Council member/employee/volunteer): _____

Please describe below any relationships, transactions, positions you hold (volunteer or otherwise), or circumstances that you believe could contribute to a conflict of interest between Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc. and your personal interests, financial or otherwise:

_____ I have no conflict of interest to report

_____ I have the following conflict of interest to report (please specify other nonprofit and for-profit boards you (and your spouse) sit on, any for-profit businesses for which you or an immediate family member are an officer or director, or a majority shareholder, and the name of your employer and any businesses you or a family member own):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I hereby certify that the information set forth above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have reviewed, and agree to abide by, the Policy of Conflict of Interest of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on Abuse of Alcohol and Controlled Substances

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and controlled substances is widespread in our society. We further recognize that abuse of this sort is often exhibited by members of fraternal organizations. In many cases this abuse represents the health problem of addiction. Although the abuse and accompanying problems are not inherent to fraternal life but rather indicative of society at large, we at Tau Epsilon Phi believe it is our responsibility to address these issues. As brothers, we are dedicated to the good of the whole. As a fraternity, we are directed to aid our brotherhood in time of need. Be it resolved, then, that we follow these standards:

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity discourages the abusive or excessive use of alcohol and controlled substances.

All brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi must conform to the laws and regulations of their state, province, county, city and institution of higher learning as pertains to the use of alcohol or any other substance.

The chapters and provisional chapters of Tau Epsilon Phi must educate their members about the symptoms, dangers and consequences associated with the abuse of alcohol or controlled substances.

If a brother of the Fraternity believes that a fellow member is abusing alcohol or controlled substances, he is strongly encouraged to confront that member concerning his problematic behavior. He is further encouraged to help that member pursue appropriate aid and counseling.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on Dry Rush

- While the moderate and legal consumption of alcohol, in and of itself, does not constitute a problem, the illegal use and abuse of alcoholic beverages is widely recognized as a major problem in our society. As members of society, particularly the higher education community, college fraternities are highly concerned about alcohol abuse. The Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, therefore, encourages the development of education programs which stress the potential dangers of alcohol abuse and the advantages of responsible, legal use of alcoholic beverages.
- Since the period of member recruitment is the first substantive contact a prospective member has with fraternities, it is an important and appropriate point at which to begin to address fraternities' educational and brotherhood responsibilities among their members, as well as to speak to any adverse public opinion as to alcohol use and abuse among fraternities.
- Based upon the premise that the excess and/or illegal use of alcohol to attract young men to fraternity membership is counterproductive to introducing and developing true brotherhood, the Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity believes that DRY RUSH:
 - Will attract a greater number of high quality rushees, and improve the retention ratio of new members;
 - Will enhance the fraternity movement on the campus and in the community;
 - Will enhance parental support of fraternity membership;
 - Will foster creative competition among fraternity chapters;
 - Will develop more fully the recruitment and interpersonal skills of fraternity members;
 - Will diminish the risk of personal legal liability, property damage and violation of liquor laws;
 - Will save substantial sums of money.
- Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity therefore states its support of Dry Rush for all college and university fraternity systems, and encourages Interfraternity councils to move immediately toward the complete elimination of alcohol in recruitment programs.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on the Fundamentals of Rushing

On the basis of experience, and collected data, Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity believes that those systems of rushing are most productive and beneficial which

- Exclude the use of alcohol;
- Are “open” without restrictive regulations;
- Are individual and personal in approach;
- Are open to all, without registration or charges;
- Minimize Interfraternity and chapter expenses;
- Emphasize useful information;
- Start at the earliest time and continue throughout the calendar year;
- Encourage participation of upperclass, transfer and graduate men.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity will be pleased to provide advisory services to any chapter or provisional chapter which wishes to evaluate its current rushing programs.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on Discrimination

Tau Epsilon Phi has long held the belief that the benefits of fraternal life and membership in Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity should be available to college men of all varieties and backgrounds. We have further held the belief that a diversity of membership will ultimately make for a stronger brotherhood. Although prejudices and discrimination remain widespread in our society, we must hold our organization and brotherhood to a higher standard. Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity therefore affirms the following:

The brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi shall not discriminate by race, religion, creed, color, sexual orientation, national origin or male gender identity based on a consistent and uniform assertion and sincerely held core identity, when choosing new members to become candidates of the Fraternity.

By no action or statement shall the brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi support discrimination of this sort.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on Rush and Candidate Education Activities

Since the general public often has a negative view of fraternal life, and since Rush and Candidate Education activities represent among the most visible and important functions of any Fraternity, these activities often become the focus of negative attention. It is accepted that a better general perception of fraternity life will have positive benefits for Greek membership and operations. Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity therefore holds these activities must be conducted in such a manner to preserve the good name of Tau Epsilon Phi and Greek life in general. Toward that goal we set forth the following standards:

No activities should at any time present a danger to the life and limb of any of the participants.

All activities and any advertisement thereof must be conducted within the boundaries of good taste. Obscene or unreasonably offensive acts or materials are prohibited.

The use of sexually explicit acts or materials is prohibited.

At all times, the actions and speech of the brotherhood must reflect well on the name of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on Sexual Conduct

The Founders of this Fraternity choose Chivalry as one of the ideals upon which to build Tau Epsilon Phi. In the decades since our founding, relationships and standards of conduct between the genders have undergone considerable change. The issues of sexual assault and sexual harassment are as much a concern in Greek life as they are in society at large. We at Tau Epsilon Phi believe that the pursuit of Chivalry requires the treatment of all individuals, especially those of the female gender, with respect and consideration. As such, Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity sets the following standards of conduct:

The brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi shall ***never*** initiate sexual contact with a partner through the use of force or other means of coercion. The brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi shall never initiate sexual contact with a partner whose judgment is in any way impaired.

The brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi shall never harass another individual, in a sexual manner or otherwise, through words or actions.

The chapters and provisional chapters of Tau Epsilon Phi are responsible for educating their members in such a manner that misconduct of this sort is never tolerated.

At all times the brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi shall conduct themselves as gentlemen.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on Little Sisters and Female Membership

It is the basis of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity to provide a forum and a meeting place for men to share aspirations, ideals and accomplishments. We believe there are benefits for the Fraternity and society at large in the exclusive fellowship of men. We further believe that the interests of those women pursuing Greek Life are best served by those sororities and woman's fraternities which already exist. Furthermore, the Fraternity has already prohibited any actions that organizes, fosters, or encourages the existence of any undergraduate auxiliary group and especially those known as "Little Sisters." As such, the Fraternity sets forth the following guidelines prohibiting female affiliation with Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity:

The extension to any woman of candidate, associate, or brotherhood status in Tau Epsilon Phi is expressly prohibited.

No chapter or provisional chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi shall allow the organization of any Little Sisters' organization or female auxiliary.

No woman designated as a Sweetheart of Tau Epsilon Phi shall pay dues to the Fraternity or support the Fraternity in any organized manner except that of her individual choosing.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on Relationship with Host Institutions

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity shares a goal with the colleges and universities which host our chapters and provisional chapters. We both wish to assist our members in achieving excellence and accomplishment in a variety of fields including academic achievement, betterment of self, growth as a leader, and service to the community. Tau Epsilon Phi recognizes that these ends are best reached with the fraternity works in concert with the Host Institution. We also recognize that officials of those institutions often have more regular personal interaction with undergraduate officers than fraternity staff or volunteers. We must therefore make every reasonable effort to maintain good relations with those host institutions. Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity sets the following guidelines for maintaining those relations:

Chapters and provisional chapters on those campuses where the host institution has recognition policies or standards must conform to those standards and policies.

Chapter consultants and staff who make chapter visits shall meet with the appropriate representatives of the Host Institutions when at all possible.

In those situations where a chapter or provisional chapter might be subject to disciplinary action from the national fraternity or host institution, the national staff shall work with the appropriate institution officials in the investigatory process and determining any sanctions where necessary.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity shall keep the host institution informed of any major changes with the chapter or provisional chapter on their campus as well as major changes of policy within the national fraternity which might affect the host institution.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on Fraternal Values and Ethics

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity recognizes that the ideals laid forth by our Founders, demands a foundation of basic values and ethics from our brotherhood. We further recognize that these values and ethics are common to the fraternal experience. We acknowledge that the basic expectations put forth by the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) are an excellent statement of those values which has been accepted by the Greek community. Tau Epsilon Phi therefore resolves that the following shall be basic expectations for our undergraduate membership:

I

I will know and understand the ideals expressed in my fraternity ritual and will strive to incorporate them in my daily life.

II

I will strive for academic achievement and practice academic integrity.

III

I will respect the dignity of all persons; therefore, I will not physically, mentally, psychologically, or sexually abuse or haze any human being.

IV

I will protect the health and safety of all human beings.

V

I will respect my property and the property of others; therefore, I will neither abuse nor tolerate the abuse of property.

VI

I will meet my financial obligations in a timely manner.

VII

I will neither use nor support the use of illegal drugs; I will neither abuse nor support the abuse of alcohol.

VIII

I acknowledge that a clean and attractive environment is essential to both physical and mental health; therefore, I will do all in my power to see that the chapter property is properly cleaned and maintained.

IX

I will challenge all my fraternity members to abide by these fraternal expectations and will confront those who violate them.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on Expansion

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity has committed itself to the establishment of strong chapters and a growing undergraduate membership dedicated to the ideals of the Fraternity. Just as rush is the lifeblood of the Fraternity for our undergraduate chapters, so too is the colonization and establishment of new chapters vital to the National Fraternity. In bringing the ideals and standards of Tau Epsilon Phi to a variety of new campuses nationwide, we can more easily fulfill our mission. We recognize that we must pursue the goal of expansion in an orderly and premeditated fashion so that we might have the greatest long-term success in both establishing and retaining new chapters. As such, Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity sets the following guidelines for Expansion:

Where possible, Tau Epsilon Phi shall attempt to reactivate those chapters on campuses where the Fraternity has been successful in the past, especially those inactive chapters which have a strong and active alumni base.

Tau Epsilon Phi shall pursue colonization in geographical regions where the Fraternity already has a strong undergraduate or alumni presence. In this way, we can provide better support for our expansion groups.

Tau Epsilon Phi shall pursue colonization at those colleges and universities which already possess a strong Greek system.

Tau Epsilon Phi shall respond to all requests from school administrations or student groups to pursue expansion. Tau Epsilon Phi shall pursue colonization with those groups and campuses which are deemed to be viable for long term success for a chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi.

Tau Epsilon Phi shall not pursue expansion on any campus which cannot reasonably be serviced and assisted by Fraternity staff or alumni volunteers.

Tau Epsilon Phi shall make every reasonable effort to establish and maintain good relations with the host institution of any campus on which we wish to pursue expansion.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on Human Dignity

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity recognizes that the concept of the social community of man is basic to the mission of our fraternity and that it is our ambition to teach our members to better themselves. We know that all forms of bigotry and chauvinism are antithetical to our mission in that they deny the community of man and prevent personal growth. Any act, attitude, or communication by a member or members of Tau Epsilon Phi meant to demean other human beings on irrational grounds is instead demeaning to our Fraternity. Therefore, Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity resolves the following:

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity firmly opposes all physical, verbal, psychological, or sexual abuse of other human beings on such irrational basis as ethnic background, race, religion, membership status, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or state of health.

This conviction and commitment to human dignity should be made apparent in all words and actions of all members, chapters, and provisional chapters of Tau Epsilon Phi.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on Transgender Members

The Portals of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity are open to all who identify as male, who are of good moral character, and conform to the ideals of the fraternity. Members who have been initiated that may no longer identify as male are welcome to retain their membership should they so choose.

In recognition that transgender awareness is an evolving process, Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity will make every opportunity to connect chapters, provisional chapters, alumni, and interest groups with resources to educate members on the best practices to welcome and support our transgender candidates and members.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on Mental Health

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc. understands that mental health issues are common among the population and especially common within college and university settings. Research has shown that college men are often the least likely to seek help for general mental health or psychiatric illness. Mental health issues are consistently associated with lower GPA, higher rates of dropout, lower quality of life, and suicidal thoughts and attempts.

Tau Epsilon Phi strives to promote a strong and healthy brotherhood within and across chapters. For this reason, we have adopted the following positions regarding mental health:

- That chapter brothers are a formidable first line of defense to minimize the impact of mental health disorders. When possible, brothers are best advised to regularly discuss mental health and well-being using active listening skills like open-ended questioning, honesty, open body language, and summarizing for understanding. While these skills are not a complete substitute for professional counseling, they serve as tools to promote unity and compassion.
- That chapters promote well-being for each of its members across all domains: physical, emotional, social, spiritual, environmental, and mental health. These factors interact with each other and general well-being is positively correlated with mental health. Chapters might host wellness days, participate in intramural sporting events, scheduled chapter dinners, engage community support events, and more.
- That all members of Tau Epsilon Phi work to reduce the stigma of mental health treatment within the organization, on campus, and in the community. One in every four individuals struggle with a diagnosable mental health complication and pro-treatment attitudes lead to healthier brothers, students, and communities.
- That individuals who struggle with mental health issues seek treatment. Across the nation, thousands of campus counseling centers offer individual and group therapy services designed to target concerns especially common to college men: depression, anxiety, substance abuse, eating disorders, PTSD, sexual health issues, and other adjustment disorders. Additionally, there are various hotlines designed to assist individuals who are in crisis scenarios, warranting immediate attention.

Please visit the National website at www.tep.org/health for links to outside assistance.

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

Statement of Position on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Friendship, Chivalry and Service are the core values of Tau Epsilon Phi. We were founded upon the belief that fraternal membership should be available to all. As we continually strive toward these ideals, we also acknowledge that there have been moments in our history where we have could have been more inclusive, rather than exclusive. As time progresses, our diverse make-up of membership increases, and so must our dedication to fairness and mutual respect.

We acknowledge that it is not enough to speak about inclusivity; we must continue to take active steps to foster it. TEΦ embraces our differences of race, religion, ability, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. The Fraternity does not condone any prejudices, harassment, destruction, or personal degradation against anyone based on differing backgrounds. This can include (but is not limited to) verbal harassment, physical aggression, sexual harassment, discrimination, and intolerance.

In addition to stating our position on diversity, equity, and inclusion, we have:

- Established a permanent standing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee
- Committed to working alongside the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and its member organizations to coordinate and roll out educational resources to our members
- Established a portal at www.tep.org/deicomplaint that allows anyone to report bias-related allegations or incidents having to do with our membership
- Established a review process for taking corrective action where appropriate

We welcome your feedback. If you would like to share any ideas on how we might improve in this area, please feel free to email us at dei@tep.org.

National Programs

National Leadership Retreat / Academy

The National Fraternity hosts a leadership retreat for a weekend of fun, learning, and fraternalism. The retreat is hosted biennially during the off years of Grand Chapter. We invite two leaders from each interest group, provisional chapter, and chapter to participate. Other members are also allowed and encouraged to participate. A range of important leadership seminars, topics, and issues are presented during the weekend. These include but are not limited to: rush & recruitment, risk management, chapter finances, National expectations, alumni relations, and the TEP Foundation.

Grand Chapter - Meeting of the Delegates

The Grand Chapter is a representative body composed of delegates from each active chapter in good standing and delegates from each recognized alumni association. The Grand Chapter convenes biennially. Each Grand Chapter elects its own officers. The head of the Grand Chapter is the Grand Chancellor, whom is assisted by the Grand Vice-Chancellor, the Grand Scribe, the Grand Warden, and the Grand Chaplain. Its officers serve only during the meeting of the Grand Chapter. The officers of the Grand Chapter function in exactly the same fashion as the officers of any local undergraduate chapter during the period of the Grand Chapter meeting, which is more commonly known as the Convention. The supreme legislative powers of the fraternity are vested in the Grand Chapter. It provides for and defines by statute the duties of the chapters and officers and disbursement of all revenues of the fraternity. It enacts all laws, rules, and regulations necessary to promote the welfare of the fraternity, its chapters, officers, and members. The Grand Chapter elects the members of the Grand Council and fills other vacancies. The Grand Council officers and board members are elected by the Grand Chapter and serve until their successors are chosen.

National Awards

The awards of Tau Epsilon Phi are divided into two categories: those for individual brothers and those for the chapters. Individual and chapter awards are awarded biannually at the International Conventions.

Sidney S. Suntag — TEP Man of the Year

The most prestigious individual award is the Sidney S. Suntag - TEP Man of the Year, which is awarded to an alumnus each Convention year who has distinguished himself in his chosen field of endeavor and/or has performed Service to this community that is memorable. Fraternity service is not an element in this selection, although it may influence the decision of the Honors and Awards Committee.

Michael C.C. Lilienfeld — Distinguished Alumnus Award

The most sought-after fraternity service award is the Michael C. C. Lilienfeld - Distinguished Alumnus Award. This distinction is based strictly on extraordinary service to the fraternity or its chapters over a meaningful period of time. It is in the form of a handsome plaque and is presented to a Laureate every two years at the Honors and Awards Banquet of the International Conventions.

The Donald J. Anspaugh, Jr. — Bridge Builder Award

The Grand Council created the Alfred C. Versacci - Bridge Builder Award, in 1991 to honor former Fraternity Consul and TEP Foundation President, Alfred C. Versacci. This award as modified by the Grand Council in 2020 is presented on convention years to an alumnus for recognition as the top undergraduate chapter advisor.

Mark Abramson Exceptional Greek Professional Award

The Grand Council created the Honorable Leo M. Gordon Exceptional Greek Professional Award in 2020 to honor former Fraternity Consul, Leo M. Gordon. This award recognizes a student affairs professional annually for their exceptional service to the Greek Community.

Meritorious Service Award

An award that is based on fraternity service, which may be given to an alumnus. It comes in the form of a key with the Greek letters TEPHI cut out in gold on top of each other. It may be awarded by the Grand Council or by the individual chapters to brothers who have performed meritorious service. It may be awarded at any time.



**Meritorious Service
Award Key**

Chancellor's Keys

Chancellor's Keys are awarded to leaders of chapters who have performed with a dedication and devotion during their terms of office. The presentation of the Key, which is a rectangular gold panel with the Crest of the Fraternity embossed, is then presented to the recipient in connection with an appropriate chapter occasion.



Chancellor's Key

TEP Bridgebuilder Founder Pins

Established by the Grand Council in 2020, the TEP Bridgebuilder Founder Pin is presented to undergraduate (re)Founding Fathers at the time of initiation in the Brotherhood and is presented in addition to the Official Jeweled Badge to recognize their efforts on starting something new and bringing TEP to their campus.

Consul Recognition Pins

Established by the Grand Council in 2020, the Consul Recognition Pin is presented by the International Consul as a commendation for an undergraduate or alumnus member who perform outstanding service to the Fraternity

Chapter and Alumni Association Awards

John Kleinberger Scholarship Award

The John Kleinberger Scholarship Award is presented annually to the outstanding chapter scholastically in Tau Epsilon Phi. Mrs. John Kleinberger and their two sons, Alfred, Delta 58 and Irving, Gamma 206, in John Kleinberger's memory, established the award in 1930. It is intended to serve as an incentive to members to take the fullest advantage of the educational benefits he was unable to secure. It is awarded on the basis of the comparative ratings of the North American Interfraternity Conference Scholarship Committee. These ratings place the chapters on an equal footing, as the scholastic standing of all universities is equalized by the committee's report.

The Tau Epsilon Phi Most Scholastically Improved Chapter Award

The David C. Steinberg Most Scholastically Improved Chapter Award established by the Grand Council in 2020 is presented annually to the chapter who has improved the most scholastically between the two proceeding semesters.

Charles M. Driesen Outstanding Chapter Award

The Charles M. Driesen Outstanding Chapter Award established and awarded by the Grand Chapter in 1932, is in memory of one of the founders, Charles M. Driesen, who had passed away during the previous year and updated in 2020. This award is based on nine fields of endeavor: national fraternity relations, candidate education, continued member education, community service and philanthropy, rush & recruitment, alumni relations, financial management, chapter management, and campus activities and leadership. Through an accurate accreditation system of grading, and through reports of the Executive Director and Field Staff the most efficient chapter is chosen.

The Louis S. Lebenthal Most Improved Chapter Award

The Board of Trustees Trophy for Chapter Improvement was set-up in 1933 by the Board of Trustees. In 1952, in memory of Past Consul Louis S. Lebenthal who had just passed away, the award was renamed "The Louis S. Lebenthal Memorial Trophy." In 2020, the award was renamed the "The Louis S. Lebenthal Most Improved Chapter Award." It is awarded annually to the chapter showing the most improvement in the same nine fields of endeavor as used to choose the winner of the Driesen Award. Each chapter is graded annually on these nine fields, and the chapter showing the greatest improvement is given the award. The Grand Council makes the award decision.

Louis Fein Community Service Award

The Louis Fein Grand Chaplain Trophy established in 1948 and updated in 2020 to now be named “The Louis Fein Community Service Award,” is presented annually to the undergraduate Chapter or Provisional chapter that for the previous year exhibited the most outstanding efforts toward community service and/or philanthropic endeavors.

The Samuel J. Lefrak Campus Achievement Award for Extra-Curricular Participation

The Samuel J. Lefrak Campus Achievement Award for Extra-Curricular participation established in 1954 and updated in 2020, is given to the Chapter that performed the best in extra-curricular activities and /or athletics on their campus.

The Kirill Reznik Provisional Chapter of the Year Award

The Gerald A. Denmark Provisional Chapter of the Year Award was established by the Grand Council in 2020 in honor of past Fraternity Consul, Gerald A. Denmark and is presented to the most over-all outstanding provisional chapter based upon the highest TEP accreditation score as used in the Charles M. Driesen Outstanding Chapter Award.

The Tau Epsilon Phi Outstanding Alumni Association Award

The Stuart L. Blumberg Outstanding Alumni Association Award was established by the Grand Council in 2020 in honor of past Fraternity Consul, Stuart L. Blumberg and is given to Alumni Association with excellence in programming, communication, and meeting the needs of its members.

The Tau Epsilon Phi Outstanding Rush Awards

The Albert “Bud” Schiff Outstanding Rush Award was established by the Grand Council in 2020 in honor of past Fraternity Consul Albert “Bud” Schiff and is presented to undergraduate chapters and/or provisional chapters for outstanding recruitment efforts resulting in meaningful chapter or provisional chapter growth. This award may be given out to more than one chapter a semester.

The Tau Epsilon Phi Award for Excellence in Community Service

The Tau Epsilon Phi Award for Excellence in Community Service was established by the Grand Council in 2020 and recognizes during a convention year, an undergraduate or alumnus member who has made outstanding efforts towards community service and/or philanthropic endeavors.

Risk Management Policy

For the purposes of this policy, the term chapter shall also apply to all provisional chapters of Tau Epsilon Phi.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

In any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by a chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi, including those that occur on or off chapter premises:

1. The chapter, members, and guests must comply with all federal, state, and local laws. No person under the legal drinking age may possess, consume, provide, or be provided alcoholic beverages.
2. Chapters, members, and guests must follow the federal law regarding illegal drugs and controlled substances. No person may possess, use, provide, distribute, sell, and/or manufacture illegal drugs or other controlled substances while on chapter premises or at any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by the chapter.
3. Alcoholic beverages must either be: (1) provided and sold on a per-drink basis by a licensed and insured third-party vendor (e.g., restaurant, bar, caterer, etc.); or (2) brought by individual members and guests through a bring your own beverage ("BYOB") system.

The presence of alcohol products above 15% alcohol by volume ("ABV") is prohibited on any chapter premises or at any event, except when served by a licensed and insured third-party vendor.

4. Common sources of alcohol, including bulk quantities, which are not being served by a licensed and insured third party vendor, are prohibited (i.e., amounts of alcohol greater than what a reasonable person should consume over the duration of an event).
5. Alcoholic beverages must not be purchased with chapter funds or funds pooled by members or guests (e.g., admission fees, cover fees, collecting funds in any manner whether direct or through digital apps, etc.).
6. A chapter must not co-host or co-sponsor, or in any way participate in, an activity or event with another group or entity that purchases or provides alcohol.
7. A chapter must not co-host or co-sponsor an event with a bar, event promoter, or alcohol distributor; however, a chapter may rent a bar, restaurant, or other licensed and insured third-party vendor to host a chapter event.
8. Attendance by non-members at any event where alcohol is present must be by invitation only, and the chapter must utilize a guest list system. Attendance at events with alcohol is limited to a 3:1 maximum guest-to-member ratio, and must not exceed local fire or building code capacity of the chapter premises or host venue.
9. Any event or activity related to the new member education process (e.g., recruitment, intake, rush, etc.) must be substance free. No alcohol or drugs may be present if the event or activity is related to new member activities, meetings, or initiation into Tau Epsilon Phi, including but not limited to "bid night," "Big/Little" events or activities, "family" events or activities, and any ritual or ceremony.
10. Chapters, members, or guests must not permit, encourage, coerce, glorify or participate in any activities involving the rapid consumption of alcohol, such as drinking games.

HAZING

Tau Epsilon Phi and its members must comply with all federal, state, provincial, and local laws regarding hazing.

The term “hazing” means any intentional, knowingly, or reckless act committed by a person, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against any individual or group of individuals, regardless of affiliation, whether or not committed on chapter property, for the purpose of recruiting, joining, pledging, initiating, admitting, affiliating, or for the purpose of retaining membership in an organization that causes an individual or group of individuals to do any of the following, regardless of a person’s willingness to participate:

- a. Be coerced to violate federal, state, provincial, local law, or Tau Epsilon Phi policy.
- b. Be coerced to consume any food, liquid, alcoholic liquid, drug, or other substance in any non-customary manner which subjects the individual or group of individuals to a substantial risk of emotional or physical harm which includes but not limited to sickness, vomiting, intoxication, or unconsciousness.
- c. Endure brutality of a physical nature, including but not limited to whipping, beating, paddling, branding, dangerous physical activity, or exposure to elements or endure threats of such conduct that results in mental or physical harm.
- d. Endure brutality of a mental nature, including but not limited to activity adversely affecting the mental health or dignity of the individual, sleep deprivation, exclusion from social contact or conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment or endure threats of such conduct that results in mental or physical harm.
- e. Endure any other activity which adversely affects the health and safety of an individual, including but not limited to the disruption of academic performance or class attendance, required designated driving programs, line ups, calisthenics, or personal, physical, or financial servitude.

SEXUAL CONDUCT

Tau Epsilon Phi and its members must comply with all federal, state, provincial, and local laws related to sexual misconduct. This is including, but not limited to, definitions around consent, sexual violence, sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual exploitation.

Stripping, exotic performances and similar acts shall be prohibited at all Fraternity events or activities.

ASSAULT & BATTERY

In any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, including those that occur on or off chapter premises, no chapter, member or guest shall engage in assault and battery, as defined in the state statutes in which the activity or event occurs.

FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES

Tau Epsilon Phi and its members must comply with all federal, state, provincial, local laws and campus policy as it relates to firearms or explosive or incendiary devices.

Firearms or explosive or incendiary devices are prohibited from the chapter facility and at all fraternity activities or events.

RETALIATION

Tau Epsilon Phi prohibits retaliation against any individual – members and non-members – for reporting, inquiring, or cooperating with a report around a violation of our Risk Management Policy.

Retaliation is any action, statement, or behavior that is designed to punish an individual for filing a compliance report, cooperating with a compliance investigation, seeking guidance regarding a compliance concern, or to deter

one from taking such action.

POLICY DISTRIBUTION

Tau Epsilon Phi shall distribute its Risk Management Policy on an annual basis. A copy of the Risk Management Policy is available on our website at www.tep.org/risk.

Insurance & Risk Management F.A.Q.

What type of insurance do we have?

The Fraternity purchases liability insurance which protects the national organization, its chapters and advisors against claims from legal liability. In the event of a lawsuit, the insurance company pays all necessary legal fees and may settle claims against insured policy holders. Our current policy is administered through Holmes Murphy.



Why do we need insurance?

Most college and universities require insurance in order to be active on campus. Additionally, your coverage under our umbrella policy protects provisional chapter or chapter members in the event of an accident and subsequent lawsuit or claim.

Does insurance protect me from legal prosecution?

No! Insurance does not impact any pending charges, trials, or conventions related to your crime. Insurance only protects members financially (not criminally) in the event of a lawsuit and/or claim.

Who is covered under the insurance policy?

The insurance coverage will only pay claims for chapter and provisional chapter members who are in good standing. Be sure to have all active members accounted for on your rosters to ensure there is not a gap in individual coverage.

Who is not covered under the insurance policy?

Any non-active or alumni members who are performing an action outside the scope of their official duty. I.E. (Chapter Advisor consuming alcohol with underage chapter brothers)

What is a certificate of insurance?

A Certificate of Insurance is a form that verifies that you have insurance, states the coverage limits, and indentures who is covered under the policy. Chapters seeking a copy of the certificate of insurance should forward their requests to the Executive Director.

Where can I find more information about Insurance?

All inquiries about insurance can be made to the Executive Director.

Crisis Management Procedures

AN OUTLINE OF PROPER PROTOCOL IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT

ALL GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING ACCIDENTS AND POTENTIAL INSURANCE CLAIMS SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE FRATERNITY'S CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. Notify the Authorities

In the event of the accident, it is crucial to immediately call 911. Do not wait for any situation to either escalate or deescalate.

2. Close the Chapter House or Area

In the event of an accident, it is critical to secure the area around the incident. You must close the chapter house and ensure that all non-members are safely escorted out.

3. Notify the Following (in order)

1. Chapter Chancellor
2. Chapter Alumni Advisor
3. Executive Director (or Consul)
4. University Greek Advisor
5. Housing Corporation President (if applicable)

4. Assemble Brothers for Meeting

Call an emergency meeting to discuss the situation. The entire Chapter needs to be made aware of what has happened.

5. Refer all Media requests to the National Fraternity

DO NOT SPEAK WITH THE MEDIA

6. Investigate

The Chapter is encouraged to investigate what led to the current situation. Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity reserves the right to investigate all allegation(s) and/or incident(s) — This may be in addition to any state, local, federal and/or university investigation(s).

Chapter Management

THE CONDUCT OF CHAPTER BUSINESS

The following is a model form for the typical conduct of any Tau Epsilon Phi meeting. The order is subject to change on ruling by the presiding officer or by a majority vote of the chapter.

1. Chancellor calls meeting to order. (I hereby call this [number] Meeting of the _____ chapter/provisional chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity to order.)
2. Chaplain's prayer. (Short impromptu prayer, a bit of bible reading, or a reading from the Ceremony — optional.)
3. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.
4. Report of Chancellor. (Reading of announcements of other chapter meetings, affairs, and socials, welcoming of guests, a short pep talk to the chapter, Fraternity correspondence, etc.)
5. Officer Reports
6. Committee reports.
7. Old business. (Discussion of committee reports; motions on the books tabled to that meeting, and regular old business.)
8. New business.
9. Adjournment.
10. Good and welfare. (Discussion informally conducted by presiding officer, and is not entered in the minutes of the chapter.)

Parliamentary Procedure

Parliamentary procedure is the method of conducting a business meeting in an orderly, fair, and democratic manner. It is democratic in that it provides for the rule of the majority at the same time that it protects the rights of the minority; it is orderly in that it provides for group discussion and consideration of but one thing at a time, disposing of each item of business before taking up another. In Parliamentary questions, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (The latest official edition) shall be the final authority. It is best to consult an unabridged version of this manual to learn more about parliamentary procedure.

RULES OF ORDER FOR PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE:

1. Addressing the Chair - Having been formally and officially recognized by the chair, any Brother, before he may address the Chapter or Fraternity group assembled, must address the person in the chair and the group in general. Example: "Brother Chancellor and Brothers."
2. Adjournment - (a) The Chancellor can adjourn a meeting at his discretion if it is disorderly. There is no need for a second vote. (b) Motion for adjournment of a meeting can be made at any time during the meeting. A second is necessary, the motion is undebatable, and a majority vote passes or defeats the motion.
3. Undecided Vote - Brothers not voting shall not be counted. A Motion requiring 2/3 or 3/4 to pass must receive said percentage of all present members with voting privileges to pass.
4. Re-vote - Any Brother whether he was on the winning side of a motion or not, can call a re-vote. The first vote is discounted and a new vote is taken. There may be no discussion on a re-vote.
5. Reconsideration - To reconsider, and discuss, a motion passed or defeated, only a Brother on the winning side can make the request.
6. Recount of Vote - Such a request can be made of the chair by any Brother. All Brothers must vote as they did the first time. There can be "no change of mind" in a recount
7. Roll Call Vote or Closed Vote - Such a request can be made of the chair by any Brother. Chancellor may grant or refuse request as he sees fit. To change his ruling a Brother must "Challenge" the chair (see Rule 10). Majority vote of Chapter decides outcome.

8. Chancellor's Privilege as to Vote - (a) The Chancellor is not permitted to vote except where his vote will change the result. Thus, he may vote to make or break a tie, to make or break 2/3 majority, or to make or break a plurality, (b) The Chancellor may vote, but still must not be partial, when there is a dosed ballot or when there is a roll call vote. (c) Since the Chancellor cannot vote other than by the exception noted in parts (a) and (b) above, he must be impartial on every question. He can answer questions and can interpret the consequences of the motion pro and con, but should he wish to sway opinion of the Chapter one way or another he must do so while not sitting in the chair. If he feels it is his duty to discuss a particular motion, he must call on the next highest officer to take the chair, and take his seat with the Brothers. He must wait, too, to be called on by the presiding officer now seated in the chair. Once having left the chair to speak on a motion, the presiding officer must not resume his seat until the motion has been voted upon and has been either defeated or passed.
9. Ejection from a Meeting - (a) The presiding officer may eject any Brother from a meeting if that Brother is disturbing the proceedings of the meeting or shows a disrespectful interest in the proceedings, (b) After action by the presiding officer the Chapter, on two-thirds (2/3) vote, may disregard the ruling and allow the Brother to remain in attendance, (c) The Chapter, on two-thirds (2/3) vote, may eject a Brother before any action is taken by the presiding officer.
10. Challenge - The opinion of the presiding officer is never infallible. It may and can be wrong. Should he make a parliamentary ruling, which any Brother feels is wrong or out of order he may challenge or "appeal" the ruling. He is in order at any time. Nothing - even points of information - can interrupt proceedings of a challenge. While debating a challenge the Chancellor need not leave the chair. The debate is limited to the disputants, each being allowed to speak only once (Brother making challenge speaks first). Majority vote of Chapter decides outcome of challenged ruling.
11. Point of Order - This is a notice by a Brother to the Chancellor that, in the opinion of that Brother, a rule of parliamentary procedure has been violated, or a ruling by the chair was out of order, or the discussion being presented does not concern the motion of the floor. The Chair must recognize a point of order immediately, even while another Brother may be speaking. It must be made as soon as the supposed breach occurs; otherwise, it cannot be considered at all. Business already transacted or discussed cannot be withdrawn or removed from the records. If the presiding officer believes that the point is well taken, he corrects his mistake; if not, he refuses to recognize the point of order and the meeting continues. However, the Brother denied action on the part of the presiding officer, can attempt to get it by challenging the chair and appealing to the Chapter to uphold his point of order (See Rule 10).

12. Point of Information - Is a request from a Brother to the Chancellor for information on parliamentary procedure or on a particular fact relating to the discussion on the floor. The point of information should concern the business being discussed at the moment. The question can be directed to another Brother with the permission of the presiding officer. The question can only ask for facts, not opinion. The Chancellor cannot and must not answer any question, which openly asks his opinion or his judgment.
 13. Withdrawal of a Motion - A motion made and seconded can be withdrawn only if the maker, the second and the Chancellor voice favorably. However, should either the maker or second withdraw his name, the Chancellor shall ask for a new maker or a new second (as the case implies). If there is no response the Chancellor can withdraw the motion if he desires.
- NOTE: In NO case, however, shall a motion be withdrawn if at least two speakers have discussed it on the chapter floor.
14. Proxy vote (transferring your voting privilege to another person in case of absence) is NOT recognized at any time.
 15. Limited Debate - The Chancellor can limit debate on any motion after three Brothers have discussed the motion. He can limit debate to number of speakers or to the time each speaker may discuss the motion. His ruling is subject to challenge (see Rule 10).
 16. Elections - During elections it is customary for the highest fraternity officer present, to preside. Motions to open and close nominations are discussed. The only motions in order during Elections are Adjournment, Points of information, Points of order, and Appeals to the Chair. Points of information and order are never made on misstatements of a speaker; they are made only concerning the procedure of the meeting. If the Chancellor is a member of the body electing, he is entitled to vote. The chancellor shall appoint two individuals to distribute, collect, and count the ballots. He shall also appoint a Judge of Elections who shall present all electoral questions, which may arise, to the Presiding Officer.

Chapter Structure

Each chapter has its own set of bylaws, copied closely from a model set of bylaws provided by the National Headquarters, and containing many edicts that are national rulings. Each chapter has other officers who most effectively fit into their scheme of things, but does not have the power to remove or rename the aforementioned officers. For instance, many chapters have created a Webmaster to coordinate social media and other electronic mediums for the chapter.

Chancellor
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Vice-Chancellor
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Bursar
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Scribe
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Historian
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Warden
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“Other” Officers



“Ode to the Candidate”

Chapter Officer Duties

Tau Epsilon Phi requires our provisional chapters and chapters to adopt a series of executive board positions. These crucial positions must be filled in order to ensure cohesive group success. Additional executive board or committee chair positions may be added as needed. For example, some provisional chapters or chapters include a webmaster or an intramural chairman.

The duties of each officer can be found in the National Bylaws under Article II – Undergraduate Membership, section 2.03 – Officers.

Tau Epsilon Phi also has an officer transition manual which can be obtained by contacting any employee of Tau Epsilon Phi.

National Accreditation System

Modified & Adopted (2026)

The National Accreditation System was developed and approved in 2017. It has since been modified and the latest version was updated in 2026. The purpose of this new system is for chapters to have an interactive gauge of success. There are 10 areas of criteria: National & Public Relations, Candidate Education, Continued Membership Education, Community Service & Philanthropy, Rush & Recruitment, Alumni Relations, Financial Management, Chapter Management, Campus Involvement & Bonus items. Each section gets added together for a total score. That score relates directly to a letter grade earned for that evaluated period. Failure to achieve a grade of “C” or above could result in a Chapter Review; Below are a sample of the Grading System & National Accreditation System.

Grading System

(347 or more Points)	Exceeds Expectations	A
(308 to 346 Points)	Meets Expectations	B
(270 to 307 Points)	Does not meet Expectations	C
(231 to 269 Points)	National Assistance Required	D
(230 Points and Below)	Chapter Probation/Suspension Considered	F

Chapter/Provisional chapter Roster & Billing

OVERVIEW

In order to ensure continuity between Tau Epsilon Phi National and our local chapters, we require a roster to be submitted via GreekTrack each semester. This roster includes important membership information, including: Brother Names, Contact information, Year, and Initiation Date among others. The rosters are expected to be submitted on-time, in-full, and in the correct format. In 2021, Tau Epsilon Phi partnered with GreekTrack for all of your billing and roster needs. See below for an overview of both services.

FAQ:

Why are Chapter/Provisional chapter Rosters Important?

1. Insurance (misinformation or missing information could affect a claim)
2. Logistical (We can't communicate with a group if we only have 80% of the data. It also puts Pins, Portals, Shingles in limbo)
3. Safety (God-forbid an emergency on campus arises, who do you contact outside the Chancellor? We don't have anyone one else's information)

GreekTrack

The GreekTrack portal can be located at – <https://portal.tep.org>

The image shows a screenshot of the GreekTrack login portal. The left side of the page has a dark purple background with the GreekTrack logo and the text 'Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc.' at the top. Below this, there is a 'New here?' section with the text 'Claim your account.' and two buttons: 'Enter your email' and 'Sign Up'. The right side of the page is white and features a 'Welcome back' section. It includes input fields for 'Email' and 'Password', a 'Sign In' button, a 'Forgot password?' link, and social login options for Facebook and Google.

THE VOLUNTEER

How to Identify a Chapter Advisor

Tau Epsilon Phi chapters and provisional chapters have many support systems — The National Office, the local campus Greek Advisor(s), National Volunteers, and a Chapter Advisory Board. These are all opportunities for valued alumni to stay connected and participate with their fraternity after graduation. We advise all existing and future interest groups, provisional chapters, and chapters to have at least one (1) active alumni advisor. Below are techniques to help secure one or more such volunteers:

*** Advisors must be of sound moral character. Those who fail to uphold the expectations of our local, national, and/or university partners during any of the aforementioned stages will not be considered for the role. The National Fraternity will work with all groups to help locate a chapter advisor should you want or need assistance.*

Step 1 — Brain Storm

Identify people who have been instrumental in the chapter or provisional chapter's success.

Step 2 — Meet and Establish a Relationship

It's important for all eligible alumni to meet with the local leadership and general membership. There must be a mutual appreciation for one another. If you have never met this alumnus before, set up an introductory meeting. Even if you have met previously, please proceed to establish a new working relationship through an introductory / reconnection meeting.

Step 3 — Explain Expectations

It is vital that future alumni advisors be made aware of the expectations on this role. This includes general time, duties, and expectations. Allow them to ask any questions and provide clarification where needed.

Step 4 — Invite them to a Chapter Meeting

In order for future advisors to gain a full understanding of operations, it's imperative to invite them to a chapter meeting. Give the advisor an opportunity to introduce themselves to the general membership, then allow for a brief Q&A afterward.

Step 5 — Invite them to a Fraternity Related Event

See "Step 4"

Step 6 — Educate

Ensure that all future advisors have been made aware of the obligations associated with their new position. This includes all national, local, and university policies & procedures which govern(s) them.

Step 7 — Ask them to Be a Part of the Team

If the alumnus in question has passed steps 1-5, then we recommend the group extend a conditional invite. At this stage, you must also notify National and the university of your decision. In the event that the alumnus rejects the offer, proceed to repeat steps 1-6.

Step 8 — Repeat

Local groups should not limit themselves to just one advisor; It is wise to have a team of dedicated alumni known as an *Alumni Advisory Board*. The larger your network of advisors, the greater your support system. Therefore, it is imperative to repeat steps 1-8 to secure as many qualified alumni advisors as possible. Keep in mind, that National is always willing to assist in this process.



Epsilon Iota Alumni Reunion 2019

How to Become a Chapter Advisor

Step 1 — Contact

If you are or know of an interested alumnus, the best first step would be contacting the chapter. Ideally you want to contact the Chancellor or another executive board member in order to establish a baseline relationship.

Step 2 — Interview

Make arrangements to meet with the chapter leadership to see how you get along with the chapter members. If this initial meeting is a fit, plan to meet with the other chapter members.

Step 3 — Get Involved

Plan to spend some time with the chapter brothers and attend a chapter meeting. Discuss mutual goals for the group and see if a mutual advisor relationship works.

Step 4 — Notify National

Contact the Executive Director at tsmith@tep.org to discuss next steps.



TEP at Summer Leadership Retreat - June 2025

The Grand Council

The Grand Council is the regulatory and executive body of the Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity. Any alumnus member in good standing may run for a Grand Council position. The Grand Council is elected at the biennial Grand Chapter Meetings. The dates and locations of the meeting are announced at least one year prior to the event. Grand Council Members are expected to serve for a two-year term, which only ends at the following Grand Chapter meeting. Members of the Grand Council also meet up-to three (3) times per year in person. Elected officials are responsible for making, distributing, and enforcing national policies & procedures which regulate our fraternal organization. We encourage all alumni to volunteer and serve on the Grand Council.

Below is list of duties & expectations:

Duties & Expectations:

- 1) Attend in person Grand Council Meetings
- 2) Participate on all regular Grand Council teleconferences or video conferences
- 3) Promote the goals and objectives of the Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity
- 4) Adhere to all rules & regulations of conduct for Grand Council Members
- 5) Participate in various committee assignments



Grand Council & Staff visiting the Tau Alpha chapter at the University of Florida in March 2022

PARTNERSHIP WITH PLAID

Tau Epsilon Phi has partnered with Plaid to provide online educational programming for all its members. Please contact any member of staff to learn how to access any of the online trainings.

Plaid Aboveboard Program Student Leader Version

This program is intended for student leaders who serve on a chapter executive board or campus council. Aboveboard provides leadership training and education for learners to be successful, confident, and prepared in their roles of providing direction and leadership to their organizations. This program gives student leaders guidance on the topics of authentic leadership, governance, strategic planning, and best practices to help lead an organization to new heights.

<i>Authentic Leadership</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Authentic Leadership course provides learners with an overview and introduction to the ten most common leadership styles, best practices for exemplary leadership, and how best to identify their leadership style and apply that style in an authentic way.	1. Leading Authentically 2. Importance of Developing Leadership Skills 3. 10 Common Leadership Styles 4. Exemplary Leadership 5. Authenticity
<i>Board Governance</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Board Governance course provides learners with an overview and introduction to the basics of board governance, clarifying roles and responsibilities within board governance, and preferred norms to establish high performing board, council, or committee.	1. Board Governance 2. Mission & Vision Statements 3. Governance Framework 4. The 4 D's 5. Responsibilities of a Governing Board 6. Establishing Norms
<i>High Performing Board</i>	

Course Summary	Course Outline
The High Performing Board course is a deep dive into the ten characteristics of a high performing board. This course includes a self-assessment so learners can analyze their board's performance in these ten areas.	1. Characteristics of High Performing Board a. Participative Leadership b. Shared Responsibility c. Align with Mission d. High Levels of Communication e. Tasks and Outcomes f. Orient Towards the Future g. Diverse and Creative Talents h. Rapid Response i. Healthy Risk Appetite j. Productive Conflict 2. Culture e. Self-Assessment

<i>Strategic Planning</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Strategic Planning course provides learners with an overview of strategic planning and why it's important for boards. This course prepares learners for the strategic planning process using the G.O.S.T method through relevant examples and an explanation of responsibilities.	1. Strategic Planning 2. Mission vs. Vision 3. Methodology a. G.O.S.T. 4. The Process

Plaid - Cultural Competency Program Overview

The Cultural Competency Program is designed for learners to gain important information related to inclusive practices. This program provides online training and education for learners to engage in celebrating diversity and implementing inclusive practices as students, organization members, and leaders. This program gives learners guidance on the topics of self-awareness, identity exploration, historical events, and how to practice inclusion.

<i>Self-Awareness and Personal/Social Identities</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Self-Awareness and Personal/Social Identities course focuses on concepts related to understanding identity, recognizing bias, and the value of diversity, equity, and inclusion in organization. Learners are introduced to important terms before diving deeper into foundational concepts of understanding identity and how identities influence our interactions, relationships, and organizations. This course also explores how personal and social identities can be associated with privilege and oppression and ultimately shape lived experiences and view of the world.	• Introduction • Overview key terms related to personal/social identities, diversity, and inclusion • Overview of personal and social identities • Identity intersectionality • Introduction of inequality • Overview of bias and microaggressions • Overview of belonging and inclusion • Knowledge Check
<i>Cultural Competency and Historical Context</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Cultural Competency and Historical Context course covers important historical events and societal factors that have played a role in creating a foundation for the modern understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion. This course builds on the understanding of personal and social identities to develop new knowledge about context to determine a productive and inclusive path forward.	• Introduction • Refresh on terms related to diversity, inclusion, and identity • Overview of systems and social structures • History's impact on modern society • Inclusion and cultural competence in the higher education experience • Knowledge Check

<i>Inclusive Practices</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Inclusive Practices course is designed to help learners understand how their personal and social identities, as well as societal and historical context can shape environments and organizations with which they interact. This course allows learners to identify how they can develop personal practices of inclusiveness through the use of the Oppression Action Continuum. Learners will also explore how they can help to make their organizational spaces more inclusive and instill a sense of belongingness for others.	● Introduction ● Refresh on terms related to diversity, inclusion, and identity ● Overview of privilege and oppression ● Overview of inclusive actions and allyship ● Overview of the Action Continuum ● Performative activism ● Engaging in difficult conversations ● Intent vs. Impact ● Inclusivity on campus ● Knowledge Check

Plaid - Tightrope Program Overview

The Tightrope program is designed for student learners to gain important information related to health, safety, and risk management. Tightrope provides online training and education for learners to be successful, safe, and prepared during their time on campus. This program gives board members guidance on the topics of substance use, healthy relationships, mental health, hazing, and best practices to make informed decisions with safety as a priority.

<i>The Facts About Alcohol & Drugs</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline

The Facts About Alcohol and Drugs course is designed to help learners understand what alcohol and other drugs are, how the body reacts to alcohol and other drugs, and how to make safe and informed decisions regarding health and safety related to substance use.	● Introduction ● Overview of Alcohol ● How Alcohol impacts the body ○ BAC ○ Factors that influence impacts on the body when drinking ● Laws regarding alcohol ● Overview of other drugs and their effects ○ Depressants, Stimulants, Hallucinogens, Dissociatives, Opioids, Inhalants, and Cannabis ● Knowledge Check
<i>The Culture of Drinking</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Culture of Drinking course focuses on how the alcohol use norms of the campus community can shape campus culture. This course also discusses how to make safe and healthy decisions regarding alcohol consumption while integrating and navigating into that campus culture.	● Introduction ● Defining campus culture ● Overview of campus events or experiences where drinking might take place ● Perceptions and motivations to drink ● Potential consequences of drinking ● Identifying alcohol poisoning ● Strategies for intervening ● Knowledge Check
<i>Mental Health</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline

The Mental Health course helps learners understand what mental health looks like and how it manifests. This course provides an overview on how to identify the symptoms of different mental health disorders and what the warning signs are for more serious issues, like suicide. It will also help learners discover the mental health resources available and provide instruction on how to intervene to help a friend struggling with a mental health concern.	● Introduction ● Mental Health Overview ○ What is Mental Health ○ Overcoming stigmas ● Common Mental Health Issues ○ Stress, anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, and suicidal thoughts ○ How to Help a Friend ● Practice scenarios ● Recognize, Respond, Refer Model ● Implications ● Intervention-How to Help Yourself, Conversations about Mental Health, Emergency Situations, and Suicide Intervention ● Knowledge Check
<i>Healthy Relationships</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Healthy Relationships course provides education on what a healthy relationship looks like and how to identify potentially harmful relationships. This course also covers how to ask for and give consent. Participants will learn how to identify sexual misconduct, how to support survivors, and report instances of sexual misconduct. Participants also learn about sexual misconduct investigation and response on and off campus.	● Introduction ● Characteristics of healthy relationships ● Identifying unhealthy relationships ● Overview of consent ○ Identifying consent scenarios ● Overview of sexual misconduct ● Knowledge Check
<i>Hazing and Being a Safe Student</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline

The Hazing and Being a Safe Student course primarily focuses on what it means to have a safe campus experience. Being a safe student relates first to how we conduct ourselves at events as well as how we interact with others in other sessions. This course also showcases tips and resources that can help in creating a safe student experience. In addition, this course focuses on understanding the definition of hazing, types and reasons for hazing, and intervention tactics to confront hazing.	● Introduction ● Tips for being a safe student ● Being safe at events ● Overview of hazing ○ Subtle, harassment, violent hazing ○ Characteristics and examples of hazing ● Why people haze ● Potential consequences of hazing ● How to intervene if you witness hazing ● Knowledge Check
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Plaid Highwire Program

This program is designed to be a brief refresher to the Tightrope program on some important topics related to a student's campus and organizational experience. This program touches on important topics, like alcohol, other substances, hazing, sexual misconduct, and mental health. This program will provide the student with resources and information to be prepared to have a safe and successful semester. This program will also help the student contribute to their overall safety and wellbeing and the safety and well being of others.

<i>Alcohol and Other Drugs</i>	
Lesson Summary	Lesson Outline
The Alcohol and Other Drugs lesson introduces alcohol and other drugs as a choice and how the learner can be safe in their choices if they do decide to drink or use other substances with alcohol. This lesson discusses the impact of alcohol on self, impacts on others and their organization, both positive and negative.	1. What is Alcohol 2. Basic information about Alcohol 3. What is a Standard Drink 4. Alcohol and the Law 5. Alcohol and Risks a. Drinking and driving b. Overdrinking 6. Alcohol and Other Drugs a. Stimulants b. Depressants c. Hallucinogens d. Dissociatives e. Opioids f. Inhalants g. Cannabis
<i>Hazing and Being a Safe Student</i>	
Lesson Summary	Lesson Outline
The Hazing and Being a Safe Student lesson first begins with hazing prevention. The lesson introduces and defines hazing, the dangers it presents, and how the learner can intervene if they witness hazing. The lesson then introduces the importance of event safety and personal safety. Being a	1. What is Hazing 2. Identifying Hazing 3. Spotting Hazing and Questions to Ask 4. Consequences 5. What to Do About Hazing 6. Event Safety and Safety Tips 7. How to be a Safe Student and Student Safety Tips

safe student is not just thinking about being a safe attendee at events, but also being a safe student on campus. This lesson provides various considerations and tips to be a safe student.	
<i>Healthy Relationships</i>	
Lesson Summary	Lesson Outline
The Healthy Relationships lesson introduces the topic of healthy relationships and what they look like. This lesson also identifies what to look for in unhealthy relationships and defines sexual misconduct. Participants will also learn about relevant laws and definitions. Consent is also introduced including what affirmative consent looks like and what consent is not. Participants will also learn more about support resources, both on and off campus, as well as the role between safe event planning and relationships.	1. What Healthy Relationships Look Like 2. What Unhealthy Relationships Look Like 3. What is Sexual Misconduct 4. Important Laws and Definitions 5. What is Consent a. Affirmative Consent b. What Consent is Not 6. Consequences of Sexual Misconduct 7. Support Resources On and Off Campus 8. Safe Event Planning and Relationships
<i>Mental Health</i>	
Lesson Summary	Lesson Outline
The Mental Health lesson helps learners understand what mental health looks like and how it manifests. This lesson provides an overview on how to identify the symptoms of different mental health disorders and what the warning signs are for more serious issues, like suicide. It will also help learners discover the mental health resources available to them and provide instruction on how to intervene to help a friend struggling with a mental health concern.	1. Introduction to Mental Health 2. What is Mental Health 3. Common Mental Health Issues 4. Types of Mental Health Issues-- Stress, anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, and suicidal thoughts 5. Info on Recognizing Signs 6. How to Help a Friend 7. Campus Resources 8. Community Resources 9. National Resources 10. Conclusion

Plaid Chapter Advisor Training Program

This program is designed for anyone who advises interfraternal chapters. The Chapter Advisor Training Program provides the education and training that Chapter Advisors need to be successful, confident, and prepared in their task of advising today's college students.

<i>The Role of the Advisor</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Role of the Advisor course covers advising basics, tactics and skills to mentor students. Additionally, the course establishes expectations of advisors as well as setting and maintaining advisor competencies.	1. Getting Started 2. Advisor Liability 3. CAS (Council for Advancement for Standards in Higher Education) Standards 4. Be a Mentor 5. Advisor Responsibilities 6. Advisor Expectations 7. The Undergraduate Environment 8. Developing Your Members 9. Chapter Growth: A Fundamental Approach
<i>The Interfraternal Experience</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Interfraternal Experience course provides a brief history of fraternity and sorority organizations and introduces common fraternity and sorority terms. Participants will also learn about typical characteristics of Generation Z. Finally, the course discusses some common obstacles advisors may face in their roles.	1. Fraternity and Sorority Founding 2. Student Needs Today 3. Fraternity and Sorority History 4. Key Terms 5. Generation Z Characteristics 6. Common Advisor Obstacles
<i>Mentoring College Students</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Mentoring College Student course covers advising and mentoring today's college	1. Mentoring Overview 2. Mentoring Today's College Students

students. This course will also provide learners with the beneficial tools and tactics to utilize as an advisor and as a mentor to students.	a. Building the Relationship b. Active Listening c. Coaching Style d. Challenge and Support e. Motivating Generation Z f. Delivering Feedback g. Approaching Conflict 3. Goal Setting a. Accountability and Accountability Tactics
<i>Relationships</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Relationships course covers the different groups that work together to support the fraternity and sorority experience. These groups include: national, regional and local entities that support fraternities and sororities. Learners will also learn about helpful resources to best advise their chapters.	1. Introduction to Relationships 2. National, Regional and Local Relationships 3. Overarching Support Systems 4. Advisor Tips
<i>Hazing Identification</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Hazing Identification course discusses fraternity and sorority hazing. Participants will learn what's considered hazing, how to identify it and prevent it in the chapter, and what to do if an advisor suspects the chapter is hazing. The course also covers the advisor's role and responsibility in member safety.	1. Why Hazing? 2. What is Hazing and Types of Hazing 3. Motivations for Hazing a. The Chapter b. The Individual 4. Factors for Consideration 5. Questions to Ask 6. Scenarios and Examples 7. What to Do
<i>Eradicating Harmful Traditions</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline

The Eradicating Harmful Traditions course helps learners determine what motivates and drives the chapter and its members' decision making. Participants will also learn tactics for eradicating harmful tradition and alumni behavior.	1. Tradition- What Tradition Is and Is Not a. Your Guidance b. The Student Culture 2. Identifying Motivational Needs a. Motivational Needs b. Motivating Students 3. Student Intentions 4. The Advisor Influence a. Celebrate Success b. Empower the Chapter
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Plaid Aboveboard Program

This program is designed for individuals who serve as a member on a nonprofit Board of Directors. Aboveboard provides nonprofit management training and education for learners to be successful, confident, and prepared in their roles of providing direction and leadership to their organizations. This program gives board members guidance on the topics of governance, strategic planning, and best practices to help lead an organization to new heights.

<i>Board Governance</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Board Governance course provides learners with an overview and introduction to the basics of board governance, tactics to help members collaborate, and preferred norms to establish efficient and effective practices.	1. Board Governance 2. Mission vs. Vision 3. Governance and Operations 4. Discerning, Defining, Deliberating, and Deciding 5. The Three Lenses of Governance 6. The Ideal Order 7. Problem Finding vs. Problem Solving 8. Governance Expectations 9. Good Governance and Ethical Practices- 33 Principles 10. Best Practices
<i>Strategic Planning</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline
The Strategic Planning course provides learners with an overview of strategic planning and why it's important for boards. This course prepares learners for the strategic planning process using the G.O.S.T method through relevant examples and an explanation of responsibilities.	1. Strategic Planning 2. Mission vs. Vision 3. Methodology a. G.O.S.T. 4. The Process
<i>High Performing Board</i>	
Course Summary	Course Outline

The High Performing Board course is a deep dive into Plaid's 10 Barometers to measure a successful board. This course includes a self-assessment so learners can analyze their board's performance in these ten areas.	1. The High Performing Board 2. The 10 Barometers of High Performing Boards a. Participative Leadership b. Shared Responsibility c. Align with Mission d. High Levels of Communication e. Tasks and Outcomes f. Orient Towards the Future g. Diverse and Creative Talents h. Rapid Response i. Risk Appetite j. Dissent 3. Board Culture 4. Self-Assessment
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RESOURCES

Professional Resources

North American Inter-fraternity Conference (NIC) www.nicfraternity.org

Trade associations representing over 55 International and National men's Fraternities. The NIC serves to advocate the needs of member fraternities. They seek the advancement and growth of all membership fraternities through proactive training, consultation, and support. They host an annual meeting of the delegates, where Tau Epsilon Phi are participants.

Association of Fraternity & Sorority Advisors (AFA) www.afa1976.org

AFA provides exceptional experiences, a vibrant community, and essential resources for the success of fraternity/sorority advisors. They have an ongoing commitment to the professional development of its members, with a deep appreciation of both academic and applied research that examines the entire spectrum of the fraternity/sorority experience and the advising profession. They pledge a strong commitment to collaborations within and between the higher education and inter-fraternal communities. Through programs and meetings, publications, networking opportunities, and other resources, AFA is a leading voice in aligning the fraternity/sorority and higher education experiences.

Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA) www.ngla.org

NGLA builds leadership through fraternal values, and empowering advocates to transform their communities.

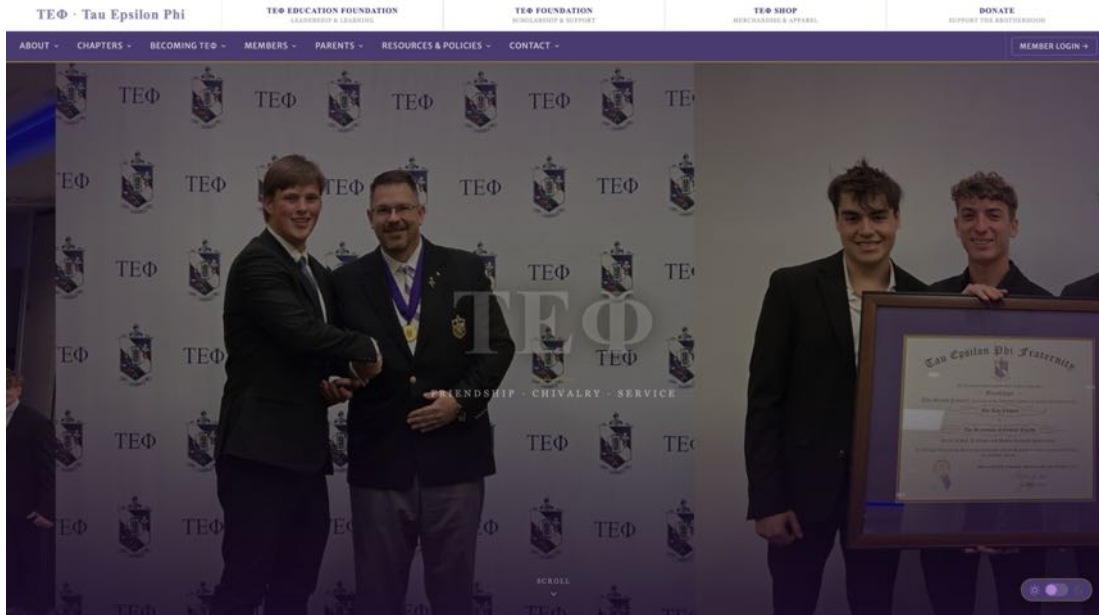
The Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values (AFLV) www.aflv.org

Rise Partnerships (Rise) www.risepartnerships.org



Appendix

Online Support



Website — www.tep.org

The National Fraternity website serves as an on-going educational, training, and connection resource. Check regularly for updates and other important Tau Epsilon Phi news.

The TEP Store – www.shoptep.com

The national fraternity has an online marketplace where members can purchase TEP branded merchandise.

Facebook — <https://www.facebook.com/tepfraternity/>

X — <https://www.x.com/tepfraternity/>

Instagram — <https://www.instagram.com/tepfraternity/>

LinkedIn — <https://www.linkedin.com/company/tepfraternity/>