

The  
QUEST  
for THETA XI

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# INTRODUCTION

The Quest, as this book is commonly known, provides an introduction to the nature and traditions of the Theta Xi Fraternity. It also serves to acquaint new members with the individual responsibilities of fraternity membership. And it outlines the purposes, programs, history, goals and organizational structure of Theta Xi. It is not necessary, however, for an associate member to memorize everything this manual covers during the brief period of formal associate membership. The Quest is designed to help you get as much as possible from your total Fraternity experience; for just as membership in Theta Xi is for a lifetime, so is this manual, which shall serve as a reference for you as an undergraduate member and as an alumni member who may wish to refresh, renew or enhance his knowledge and understanding of the Fraternity and its principles.

The members of Theta Xi have a fuller appreciation of the value of living up to the Fraternity's ideals because they have lived and practiced its standards, and the further you study this book, the fuller and more vivid the experience becomes. As you read The Quest and interact with the chapter of your affiliation, you will find that you get out of Theta Xi as much, if not more, than what you put into it. This means that as an associate member the quality of your Fraternity experience depends largely upon your personal commitment to Theta Xi and its ideals - not solely upon the direction and guidance of the members of your chapter.

We offer you this manual as a source of enjoyment and education not only for your period as an associate member, but for your lifetime as a Theta Xi. We encourage you to share this book with parents, friends, and other nonmembers to introduce them to your Fraternity and to give them a better understanding of its ideals and goals.





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## THE QUEST FOR THETA XI

The quest for Theta Xi is a quest for brotherhood. It is the same search for fellowship and brotherly love which inspired the founding of our Fraternity in 1864. Our brotherhood is sacred to every member of Theta Xi, and those who pursue their quest for Theta Xi with vigor and determination have found the rewards many times greater than the effort put into their search. However, there are no rewards without honest effort, either in Theta Xi or any of life's endeavors.

This, your quest for brotherhood, is an ever-continuing process. Your years in Theta Xi will add meaning and direction to this quest. Through exploration and appreciation of our beloved Fraternity and the brotherhood it fosters, college men have developed individual skills and values to serve them for a lifetime. The quest for Theta Xi begins:

OUR INDIVIDUAL QUEST...

...personal growth and development

OUR CHAPTER QUEST...

...learning to live with others

OUR REGIONAL QUEST...

...sampling brotherhood's variety

OUR FRATERNITY QUEST...

...history, structure, traditions

OUR MUTUAL QUEST...

...interfraternity history and objectives

APPENDICES...

...general information