

SAMPLE LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear Parent,

Your son has recently made a very important decision in his life; to join a fraternity. Your son has chosen Theta Xi over many other fraternities on campus. His decision to join was made in a short amount of time in comparison to his lifetime of membership in Theta Xi. Therefore, I feel that this opportunity should be taken to explain the ideals of Theta Xi Fraternity and your son's obligation to the Fraternity.

Your son has joined more than just a "local group" of men. He has joined an organization of more than 110 chapters nationwide encompassing 60,000 men. By doing so he has joined a support group of Brothers upon which he will be able to rely throughout his college years and beyond.

Theta Xi Fraternity was founded in 1864 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. The ideals of the Fraternity are probably best explained in the seven points of "The Purpose of Theta Xi", which is the guiding force behind all Theta Xi men in their quest for a college education and the opportunities they explore later in their lives. The seven points are:

1. Intellectual curiosity that assures the highest scholarship rating consistent with his ability;
2. Habits that lead to better mental and physical health;
3. Sincerity in his association with others and confidence in himself;
4. Responsibility to chapter, college, community and country;
5. Leadership that comes from practicing the principles of democratic self-government;
6. Interests and activities outside regular scholastic studies that employ spare time to an advantage;
7. And spiritual understanding that provides a reservoir of strength to draw upon when faced with conditions beyond comprehension.

We understand you may have questions or may be a bit skeptical about your son's affiliation with a fraternity. However, Theta Xi Fraternity dedicates itself to the benefit of its members and prohibits unproductive activities such as hazing, believing them to be contrary to our belief in Brotherhood.

Your son's obligations to the Fraternity will be simply to remain in good standing with the chapter and to live up to the ideals stated in the seven points of "The Purpose of Theta Xi". The next step is, naturally, to graduate from college and go on to become a productive member of society. We feel that joining a fraternity is an invaluable asset to your son's college life and that we can help your son to develop his full potential as a leader and a scholar. We encourage your support of his decision and we look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming functions, to which you are always welcome.

Sincerely,

John Doe
Chapter President