

THETA XI FRATERNITY

Statements of Position on Hazing and Pre-Initiation Activities

WHEREAS, Theta Xi Fraternity has maintained, since unanimously adopting a resolution at its Sixty-Fifth Annual Convention in San Francisco, that associate member and member educational and inspirational programs should be of a positive and constructive nature and has been unequivocally opposed to hazing and pre-initiation activities because they do not add positively to the associate member's or member's understanding of the history, ideals, traditions, principles, and/or Ritual of Theta Xi Fraternity.

FURTHER, the Fraternity has publicly stated its position in the Constitution and By-Laws of this Organization and by fully supporting the National Interfraternity Conference's "Resolution Against Hazing" and the Fraternity Executive Association's "Statement of Position on Hazing and Pre-Initiation Activities."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Theta Xi Fraternity hereby reaffirms its traditional stance against hazing and unconstructive pre-initiation activities with the following statements:

The Fraternity believes in the ideals and principals stated in the Fraternity Executives Association "Statement of Position on Hazing and Pre-Initiation Activities." The Fraternity further believes that hazing and unconstructive pre-initiation activities are antithetical to the ideals, traditions, and principals of this Fraternity as well as being antithetical to the concept of fraternalism. The Fraternity defines hazing as "Any action taken, or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside or inside of the confines of the chapter house; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution."

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